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And

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BOOK SEVEN

INTRODUCTORY

In continuing our study of fraternal racketeering and spurious Rosicrucian Orders in America and in reviewing the fraudulent schemes, the devices of fraud and the artifices of swindlers connected therewith, we find that the simple confidence tricks of other days have given way to new brands and kinds of fraud. Those who sold green goods, gold bricks and fake lightning rods to our grandfathers would stand aghast and dumfounded at the elaborate fraudulent schemes of present-day swindlers.

As our civilization has become more complex, so, also, crimes in general have become more complicated in design and more cunning in execution. For that reason, many of them are much more difficult to detect and to successfully prosecute. Therefore, some of them, perhaps the worst of them, continue in operation for long periods of time and claim countless victims without serious molestation.

This is particularly true of offenses and crimes, the gravamen of which is deceit, false pretense or fraud. Those who conceive a fraudulent scheme in these times invariably plan to come near enough to the truth, at least in appearance, to escape prosecution for misrepresentation and false pretense. They go to great lengths to create closely controlled corporations to cover their schemes with legal paraphernalia and to give to them the appearance of having the official sanction of the officers of the law who granted their charters; they outwardly simulate scrupulously and faithfully reputable and successful institutions to give to their schemes the plausible appearances of genuineness, and for the purpose of fraternal racketeering they select societies, orders and fraternities of high repute that are mystical, occult or secret in their nature and about which the greater number of people are ill advised and know but little, so that their schemes may be hidden in general ignorance and easy of operation because of the lack of knowledge of the many victims whom they would exploit.

However, if they have never been members of the secret order

which they attempt to imitate and in whose names they carry on their fraudulent schemes, they are uninformed on essential facts and ignorant as to the basic nature thereof. Therefore, in that ignorance and as the result of their mistakes, too much propaganda and over-promotion, they invariably and eventually expose themselves, as in the present case of H. Spencer Lewis and his fraudulent R. C. Order.

When exposed they resort to bold chicanery and dangerous expediencies to hide their fraud, such as those used in *White Book D,* issued by Mr. Lewis in defense of his fraudulent scheme and considered at length in this book. When caught they always flatter themselves that they can explain the whole matter to the entire satisfaction of official investigators and post office inspectors or to the prosecuting attorney. If indicted, they rely upon the presumption of innocence, hope to becloud the issues to create a doubt as to their guilt and believe that in any event they can convince the jury that they are victims of partisan persecution inspired by jealous rivals or of erroneous judgment and unfortunate circumstances.

Those who commit crimes of violence or who steal and rob outright are usually taciturn; they hide their evil deeds and are noncommunicative, whereas promoters and perpetrators of confidence games and fraudulent schemes are blessed with the "gift of gab"; they will talk glibly about their affairs, and with plausible explanations or cunning subterfuges they will readily undertake to dissipate all doubts as to the propriety of their shady business or as to the genuineness of their fabricated and spurious institutions. With them the explanation sufficient for the moment is expedient. Therefore, on different occasions they give different explanations, tell changing stories, make contradictory statements and suspicious claims, which upon investigation are found to be altogether false, and in this wise do they furnish the proof for their own conviction. Appropriate to the foregoing observations, the casual reader will find the contents of this book most interesting; the student of unique frauds and strange rackets will find it worthy of close study, and the official investigator will find it useful.

There should be some precincts too sacred for fraud to enter and some things too high and holy to be exploited. There are the religious instincts, the higher aspirations and the spiritual hopes of mankind. The noble impulses of brotherly love, the expansion

of fraternalism among men, the development of higher states of consciousness and the evolution of the spirit or soul growth should be above and beyond the scheming devices and dirty hands of crooks and villains. But—alas, it is not the case! Some of the worst frauds—some of the most accursed swindles—have been committed in the name of religion, and the most nefarious exploitation of the good, the trustful and the innocent has been accomplished under the guise of brotherly love, mysticism, occultism or fraternalism. Unfortunately, there are many of such cases. However, we shall make brief mention of only three in connection with the instant case under consideration.

John Fair New began his eventful career in New York City about the year 1909. He represented that he was of divine origin, a son of the Holy Ghost—greater in authority, majesty and power than was Moses, Elijah or John the Baptist—that the mantle of the "Man of Galilee" had fallen upon him and that he had received the "keys to the kingdom of heaven." He claimed to be a World Master and the founder of the "New" religion. In furtherance of his scheme he organized a mother church and subordinate churches; he made himself an archbishop and made bishops, preachers and dignitaries of various ranks out of his best-paying or most trusted victims; he incorporated universities and seminaries to teach his doctrines and the "New" theology and sold scholarships, and incorporated publishing companies and sold books. But he failed to comply with the laws of California in the organization of some of his corporations. In 1917 he was arrested at his San Francisco headquarters and convicted in the Federal Court for using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes. The conviction was affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.[1] He made many false representations, but the grossest of them all was that he could transmit his alleged divine powers and infinite wisdom to others who paid the price or made donations sufficiently large to fully demonstrate that they were deeply interested in the work and welfare of the "New" religion.

Arthur Crane was another "inspired" crook. He claimed that he was possessed of divine inspiration and had the "Christ Power." He pretended to cure all manner of diseases by the absent treat-

[1] See Volume 245 of the *Federal Reporter*, page 710.

ment; that all the victim need do was to write to "Dr." Crane, appoint the hour when he or she would be ready for treatment and to "leave the rest to Arthur Crane."

"Dr." Crane wrote many books which he claimed answered all questions that troubled the doubting souls or perplexed minds of men and women. In those books which he sold to his victims he solved or pretended to solve all human problems and to free mankind from all the ailments of the flesh and all the woes of the spirit to which mankind is subjected on this old earth and in this vale of tears. In 1919 he was arrested in California, tried and convicted of the fraudulent use of the mails. The conviction was affirmed by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.[2]

The jury in each case could readily see that their schemes were fraudulent and that these self-styled modern prophets and "inspired" saviors were plain, unvarnished crooks and promptly convicted. The Circuit Court of Appeals made elaborate and careful reviews of their cases and held, notwithstanding the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom, that their schemes were elaborate devices of fraud and that they had used the United States mail as a means of obtaining money under false pretense in pursuance of grossly fraudulent schemes devised by them for that purpose.

In 1922 Matthew McBain Thomson was convicted in the United States District Court at Salt Lake City, Utah, as the perpetrator of one of the most unique and ingenious mail and Masonic frauds as ever was devised and perpetrated by any of the most daring and spectacular Masonic impostors in history.[3] We have given special consideration to this case in Part One of Chapter IV herein and elsewhere throughout this book.

Then came Harve Spencer Lewis, the successor of Thomson in fraternal fraud and racketeering, who for the past twenty years has been operating and so continues to operate a spurious hybrid Masonic-Rosicrucian scheme, fraudulently promoted with greater elaboration and carried on with unique artifices and devices far more extensive, complex and baffling than his notorious predecessor

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[2] See Volume 259 of the *Federal Reporter,* page 480.

[3] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* by Isaac Blair Evans, who was the United States District Attorney in Utah when Thomson was tried and convicted. We are indebted to Mr. Evans for many of the facts and ideas set forth thus far in our introductory remarks. See introduction to his said book.

in Masonic fraud. The Lewis scheme, now operated strictly as a private affair and as his family enterprise, is dealt with in considerable detail in this and the preceding volume.

This book, as originally planned, was to be a brief answer to Lewis' *White (?) Book D.* It was not intended to exceed two hundred pages, with references only to the sources of authority and the proof of our statements. However, as we studied this crooked little book of great deception, of many stratagems and artifices and of much bombastic ballyhoo, issued in defense of a complicated fraudulent scheme and a nefarious swindle, it became more and more apparent that, to completely and satisfactorily answer the same, it would be necessary to thoroughly expose the fraudulent scheme and to point out in detail the many and varied artifices and devices used in its promotion, to show the cunning skullduggery and plausible chicanery employed in its operation and to demonstrate the hocus-pocus stratagems, the clap-trap subterfuges, the wanton trickery and diabolical methods used for its defense.

Therefore, it was determined, even at the cost of much delay and the undue expansion of this book, to conclusively establish all these matters and the facts of this case with competent evidence in the nature of *fac-simile* reproductions of unmutilated and undeleted documentary proof; with the *fac-simile* reproduction of the manufactured evidence, mutilated and deleted documents and spurious and misrepresented charters and warrants of alleged Rosicrucian authority employed by him to promote, perpetuate and defend his fraudulent scheme, all of which are shown to be snares and delusions and proof certain that it is an indefensible swindle; and to establish the basic fraudulent nature of his scheme and its nefarious operation with *verbatim* quotations of published statements of his contradictory pretensions and groundless claims. All of which has been conclusively established by proof which Mr. Lewis, with all his cunning plausibility and expert dodging, cannot successfully question or dispute.

Now, since the major portion of the proof of the fraudulent nature and operation of this scheme has been supplied by the designer and promoter of the swindle, much space has been used in the quotation and analysis of his claims and assertions made in court under oath or solemnly published to the world.

Therefore, the interested reader, the sincere investigator and the earnest seeker for truth—the whole truth and all the actual facts—will appreciate our position and the strength of the case we have made, because we have made no charges and have made no assertions of fact without backing them up with the proof thereof, as shown by documents and printed material. Moreover, while we have set forth the documents in *fac-simile* and the printed matter in *verbatim* quotation, with our comments and suggestions as an aid to the reader and investigator—yet particular attention is directed to the fact that we have supplied the proof of the facts so as to enable them to reach their own independent conclusions.

Although much evidence—indeed, sufficient proof—is set forth herein to establish conclusively that the AMORC, as conceived and operated by H. Spencer Lewis and his son Ralph, is a fraudulent scheme and a swindle extraordinary, yet only a small part of the evidence thereof available to prove it to be such has been produced; only a few of the voluminous, contradictory claims and telltale statements of the Lewises have been quoted; only part of their tricks, subterfuges, stratagems, artifices and devices of fraud have been exposed; only the surface of their cunning methods and despicable practices has been uncovered, and only a few of the infinite number of their plausible falsehoods and utterly false pretensions have been run down; whereas, all of them can be shown to be untrue and absolutely fraudulent in intent and in fact; yet, nevertheless, this work is an excellent brief of the facts which will prove most useful to independent and official investigators in securing all of the evidence of this despicable fraud, and it will point the way to secure and indicate the methods to be followed in obtaining overwhelming corroborative proof of the detestable nature and foul details of this deplorable and nefarious swindle.

We trust that our readers will carefully consider the personal foreword and review the preamble, which is intended to advise as to the general contents of the volume.

Particular attention is directed to Chapter I, in which the conspiracy bugaboo is shown to be an overworked stratagem to hide and obscure an insidious fraudulent scheme. The manner in which the courts in California have been imposed upon and their findings and decrees have been used to justify and further promote a swindle is also shown with astounding verity. To get the full import of

the astounding manner in which the instruments of justice and the institutions of law have been abused and used to give *prima facie* sanction to a fraud, the concluding portion of Chapter VII should be read in connection with the subject matter of the first chapter.

The various false issues, smoke-screen subterfuges, petty chicanery, personal attacks and trumped-up counter-charges receive attention in Chapters II and III. In these chapters the indefensible and reprehensible methods employed to defend and perpetuate this fraudulent scheme have been just arraigned. However, the severity of the arraignment and the deserved condemnation of such despicable trickery and base practices may cause the reader at first to feel a sympathy for a bold and unscrupulous fraternal racketeer that is not at all deserved. Therefore, may we suggest that the reader reserve judgment on these matters or, better yet, reserve the reading of these chapters until all others have been completed, whereupon it will be obvious that not one-half has been said in severe condemnation as should have been said and that the arraignment is mild in comparison with acts and deeds which cannot be too severely condemned.

The diabolical scheme, as it was originally conceived and put into execution and the manner in which it has been continuously carried on as a fraternal racket and swindle since the year 1920, and off and on between the years 1915 to 1920, is stripped of all its camouflage and shown in its naked ugliness in Chapters IV, V and VI. The supplemental review of the stupid, false, improbable and impossible claims of Rosicrucian authority and of the irreconcilable, conflicting and contradictory statements concerning those claims and the authenticity of the spurious R. C. Order founded upon them, as set forth in Chapter V, shows beyond question and doubt that the scheme was conceived in fraud and that it has been operated as a swindle from the beginning.

Moreover, that which is most impressing and convincing, as above pointed out, is that he who conceived the fraud and operated the swindle has furnished conclusive evidence to establish the charge—verily, verily, out of his own mouth—by the issues of his own pen, and from his own published statements comes the undeniable proof thereof.

No doubt, Masons and the Masonic Fraternity will be deeply interested in learning of the dubious and cunning ways in which the

good report of Masons and the high standing and good name of their fraternity have been used to promote a fraternal swindle. Certainly, all Masons will keenly resent and emphatically condemn the misuse and abuse of Masonry, even though it is principally the misuse and abuse of Masonic Orders which they may regard as clandestine, because in the public eye the Masonic Fraternity enjoys a high standing. The average person knows and makes no distinction between the regular and the clandestine Masonry, and the public at large is generally willing to accept anything or any plan as being good, wholesome and worthy if it appears to have Masonic sanction or approval. Therefore, the misuse and abuse of the name of Masonry in connection with any crooked scheme or questionable affair not only works a fraud upon the public, but it is injurious to all Masons and highly detrimental to their fraternity. The manner in which the promoter of this fraudulent scheme and fraternal swindle has used Masons and Masonic symbols and has abused and misused Masonry and the way in which falsified, deleted and mutilated Masonic papers and documents have been used to further his ends and to serve his purposes is shown throughout this volume, particularly in Parts One, Two and Five of Chapter IV and in Chapter V. The promoter of this spurious Rosicrucian Order and fraternal swindle even went so far as to have a court find that he had not been denied membership in the Masonic Fraternity when, in fact, such membership had been so denied. So much so has he used Masons and Masonry to promote and carry on this fraudulent Rosicrucian Order that the scheme is aptly and correctly designated and is, in fact, a Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

With high-pressure salesmanship, with nation-wide, bombastic advertising, with everflowing and highly gasified propaganda and much ballyhoo and with tons of promotional literature, all of which is contrary to the practices and ideals of Masonry and Rosicrucianism, this scheme has been used as a contrivance to build a million-dollar fraternal racketeering concern. The royal revenues of this hierarchal racket are derived from initiation fees, monthly dues, the sale of mystical bunk in books, so-called occult and scientific lore in special courses or lectures, specially priced, and a full line of fraternal merchandise, but the most productive of these are mystical bunk and fraternal merchandise. Chapter VI deals with this unique merchandising mart conducted in the name of

brotherly love and for the alleged advancement of the race. In this same chapter are revealed the cunning designs and artful trickery that were used for the conversion of this fraudulent scheme and hierarchal commercial marketing concern into a family racket by incorporating it as a membership and family corporation without profit to anyone save his family and as a subterfuge to avoid the payment of taxes.

In some of the books in Volume I and in the first few chapters of this book in Volume II we spoke of this scheme as being a clever device of fraud and of its designer and promoter as being a clever artist in the swindling arts and a clever fraternal racketeer. However, since we have reviewed, carefully studied and analyzed Mr. Lewis' ignorant conception of a Rosicrucian Order; the curious organization that he fabricated and set up pursuant thereto; the foolish and nonsensical things that he did to promote it; the strange "documents," unique "charters" and "warrants" of alleged authority that he faked and procured or designed and manufactured, under which he has purported to work; the so-called universal, world and international non-existent councils and faked international congresses and conventions used as devices to furnish him with alleged authority, recognition and certificates of authenticity; the false, ridiculous and impossible claims to Rosicrucian initiation and authority and Masonic recognition, approval, titles and honors that he has asserted; the infinite number of contradictory statements he has made and the many changing, repugnant and conflicting stories he has told concerning his alleged authority and relating to his fraudulent scheme and swindling devices; and last, but not least in base villainy, the wanton methods, the despicable chicanery, the manufactured evidence and deleted and mutilated "proof" that have been used in defense of this exposed swindle—indeed, we must say, after having considered all these matters, that we have made a grievous error and used the wrong word, and that there is nothing *clever* about the scheme, its promotion or operation.

It was conceived in gross ignorance of Rosicrucian affairs. It is a poor imitation of an R. C. Order, cunningly misrepresented, artfully promoted, willfully operated, deliberately perpetuated in open defiance of the law and wantonly defended by the vilest methods and with the most unthinkable and detestable tactics.

Therefore, we respectfully submit for candid consideration that no thoughtful person can contemplate the use and publication of falsified evidence, DELETED papers and MUTILATED documents or false testimony in court. No careful person can examine the so-called "important Rosicrucian documents," the self-made and spurious "charters" falsely represented to be warrants of Rosicrucian authority. No discriminating person can consider the false, fabulous and conflicting tales concerning international, world and universal councils, congresses and conventions. No casual or careless person can read the many different false and contradictory claims of Rosicrucian authority. No one can witness the way in which the complete control and use of the concern has been reserved to the family. No one can review the gross misrepresentations, the endless chicanery, the unscrupulous trickery and the numerous devices and artifices of fraud used to promote the scheme. In short, no one can read this work of two volumes without having the abiding feeling and firm conviction—indeed, without reaching the *irresistible conclusion*—that the *Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*—the AMORC—is a spurious Rosicrucian Order; that it is a fraudulent scheme and that it is a nefarious fraternal swindle, operated as a family racket.

Now, inasmuch as this scheme, called the AMORC, is a gross fraud, the question naturally arises: Why has it been allowed to exist for a score or more of years in open violation of the law, to wax strong and grow into a million-dollar swindle? The answer is simple and apparent. Only high Rosicrucian initiates know all the facts and the whole truth about the Order. Even its neophytes, its general student bodies and those in the lower grades who have not been initiated into all its mysteries and have not *become* Rosicrucians are not fully advised on all matters concerning the Fraternity, its true nature, its full status and real history. Therefore, the non-members—the public in general—are wholly uninformed, yet many have heard of the Rosicrucians. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing. The name itself, wrapped in mystery and conjured with in fiction, becomes an alluring and intriguing artifice of fraud, and the many of little knowledge become the ready dupes and beguiled victims of exploitation.

Masonry—its general nature and affairs—is much better and more extensively known to the public in general. Masons make no

secret of their membership, but wear badges and insignia to proclaim such membership; whereas, Rosicrucians seldom make known their connection with or membership in the Rosicrucian Fraternity. Yet, with Masonry generally known, Thomson carried on his notorious fraud in the name of Masonry for twenty years before he was finally exposed and convicted. Therefore, with the Rosicrucian Order less known, it has been less difficult, and Lewis could more readily carry this fraud in the name of the Rosicrucians and promote with alleged foreign Masonic "honors" and feigned Masonic approval.

This swindle has existed because of lack of proper information and general knowledge and because the officers of the law could not see wherein the fraud lies. It mystified them; yet, perceiving that it was and is a crooked and suspicious scheme covered with badges of fraud, nevertheless, they did not know how or where to procure the evidence to prove the fraud that has been almost apparent—if not apparent—to them.

It has existed because no one who really knew wherein the fraud lay has definitely pointed it out or clearly defined it; because no one has taken the pains to run down the many fraudulent representations and false pretense used to promote and to sustain it, and because no one has taken the trouble or gone to the heavy expense to collect the evidence of the same—which exists in great abundance—and to thoroughly expose it. Knowing the truth concerning the Rosicrucians and the facts relating to the Order of the Rosy Cross and the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, we have assumed that burden, and herein we thoroughly expose this fraudulent scheme and family racket and point to the proof of this abominable swindle in this, our answer to *Lewis' White Book "D."*

PERSONAL FOREWORD

The second volume of *The Rosicrucian Fraternity in America* is a complete answer to a calumnious, unscrupulous and misleading booklet, recently issued by Mr. H. Spencer Lewis, the pseudo-Rosicrucian, clandestine Mason and mystic swindler, of San Jose, California, under the impressive title of *White Book D,* which if intended to be descriptive or indicative of its contents should have been entitled: BLACK BOOK OF DECEPTION.

For several years I have been publishing warnings to all persons interested, seriously or otherwise, in the *August Fraternity* or the *Order of the Rose Cross* against the false claims of the aforesaid pseudo-Rosicrucian, who fabricated and launched a spurious Rosicrucian organization in New York in 1915, with meager success, culminating in failure and collapse in 1918 after a raid of the New York police on his then National headquarters and his arrest, after which he retired into "silence" and nothing was heard of his spurious fabrication until 1920, when he appeared in San Francisco, where, with the financial assistance of William Reisner, a sincere seeker after occult truths and a successful business man, and with the aid of the Rev. George R. Chambers, an Episcopalian minister and high Mason, who rewrote most of his lectures up to the sixth grade, he succeeded in reorganizing his so-called R. C. Order. However, his success was not marked, and in 1925 he associated himself with Mr. Ralph A. Wackerman of Tampa, Florida, to which place he moved his headquarters. During the two years he remained in Florida, he greatly increased the membership of his enterprise by a high-pressure nation-wide propaganda campaign.[1] As the result of a disagreement with his Florida sponsor, he moved his headquarters to San Jose, California. In 1928 he converted his spurious R. C. Order and fraudulent enterprise into a family racket and fraudulently incorporated[2] it as a

[1] See Introduction to Book Three, Volume I, pp. 134 to 139, for a general description of his activities.

[2] See Chapter VI hereof, where the fraudulent incorporation of his family racket is fully treated.

college, with himself and members of his family as the Hierarchy of his exclusive mystic swindle.

It was not until after 1928 that this fraudulent R. C. Order and fraternal racket took on the serious proportions of a national menace. Since that time, as Supreme Grand Master, outer head and spokesman of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America, I have published several magazine articles, booklets and pamphlets denouncing the methods of this pseudo-Rosicrucian and his spurious and fraudulent enterprise carried on under the sacred symbol and holy name of the *Rosy Cross*.

Last year I issued four booklets[3] that had wide circulation, dealing with this subject, republished as Books Two, Three, Four and Five in Volume I hereof, to which Mr. Lewis attempted to reply in his so-called *White Book D,* and although it purports to be a reply thereto it is a miserable subterfuge in lieu of a reply, as will clearly appear as the reader proceeds with this volume.

No one realizes or knows so well as Mr. Lewis that his so-called R. C. Order is spurious and fraudulent; that his fraternal family racket is a gigantic swindle, and that his so-called *White Book D* is a pure subterfuge, a book of cunning and deception and is not, in truth—even to the slightest degree—an answer to our charges or to similar charges made by many of his former members, all of whom he has attacked personally and impugned their motives in one way or another, as also appears in *White Book D*.

He has from time to time, in various ways, attacked me personally, because he realized and knew full well that he could not in truth or in fact meet the charge of the spurious and fraudulent nature of his fabricated R. C. Order which he has converted into a huge racket and swindle. However, inasmuch as he was unable to meet the truth and the facts as set forth in our recent booklets and realizing that he had failed utterly to answer the same in his booklet of subterfuge and deception, he has, during the past few months, made the most insidious, nefarious, outrageous and malicious personal attacks on myself and family, through private correspondence and by a well-organized whispering campaign of his so-called militia and scandalmongers, with the wicked purpose of destroying one who accuses him justly, that he may save himself

[3] My purpose and motive in issuing those booklets is fully stated in the Foreword to Book Four, Volume I, pp. 179 to 183, and need not be restated here, but should be kept in mind.

and his swindling fraternal racket. Such low tactics and degraded practices are tacit admissions of guilt, that should speak eloquently and convincingly of his guilt to all upright and self-respecting men and women. Innocent men do not resort to such low and questionable methods.

I will not stoop to reply to those personal attacks. Even if they were true, he cannot justify his acts of fraud, his fraternal racket and his mystic swindle by pointing the finger of scorn at me or my family. Sufficient to say, however, that my personal conduct, although not claimed to be exemplary or perfect, has been—nevertheless—upright and honorable. There has been no scandal connected with my family or my private life. I am well reputed in the community in which I have lived all my life. In addition to my connection with the Rose Cross, I belong to fraternal organizations to which I would not have been admitted if this were not true and from which I would have been promptly expelled if the slanderous charges were true as circulated by Mr. Lewis and his cohorts.

Although our files abound with material of a personal nature, relating to the private life and personal conduct of Mr. Lewis, I have never made a personal attack upon him.

I have only attacked his spurious and fraudulent fraternal enterprise, his methods in connection therewith and his unscrupulous tactics. I have never said anything unkind of the ladies of his family. I have said that he is using his wife and daughter-in-law as dupes to further his fraudulent scheme and family racket by having them serve as trustees or directors of his Supreme Grand Lodge Corporation and to do his bidding, which is true—absolutely true, but in justification of those good women, I must say that I doubt if they have any knowledge of the iniquitous nature of his racket. They have trusted him and he has misled them as he has thousands of others.

I have said, and repeat here for emphasis in connection herewith, that "we have no malice, we hold no personal grudge against him, notwithstanding his numerous vicious, unjustified personal attacks upon us. We do not attack him personally even if our vigorous attacks upon him may seem to be personal. We are *fighting his shameful methods,* his false pretenses and the infamous things for which he stands. We are *fighting for principle—for right—for justice and honorable dealings* and *fair play among men.*

WE ARE NOT FIGHTING MEN, BUT THE EVIL THAT MEN DO."[4]

Therefore, the public should not be misled or their attention diverted from his swindling enterprise by the personal attacks he is underhandedly making upon me and others who question or accuse him.

There is an outstanding device, constantly resorted to by Mr. Lewis, to prevent, and with many it does prevent, a fair and impartial consideration of the charges which I have made against him, to which particular attention is directed. It is this: He claims that these charges should not be seriously considered and cannot be true because, he says, they are made by a rival who is jealous of his success. Now, the *truth is the truth,* it matters not by whom it is declared. Let no one be misled by such a subterfuge, intended to prejudice the mind and to prevent a fair and serious consideration of the charges upon their merits. In no proper sense can there be rivalry between the real Rose Cross and a spurious R. C. enterprise such as he is operating. Certainly the authentic Order can never regard itself as the rival of a spurious imitation, wrongfully using its name and usurping its prerogatives—and, most surely, no honest man is envious and jealous of the success achieved by chicanery and fraud. *Honest Men* are moved to express their disdain and condemnation of such because of their intuitive sense of right, honesty and justice.[5]

There are two other matters of a similar nature to which I desire to direct the particular attention of *Librarians* and *Radio Program Managers.* The Authentic Rosicrucian Order in America has never sought publicity or free advertisement, nor attempted to have publishers of reference books, dictionaries and encyclopedias publish any facts or the truth about the real Rosicrucians or their activities. On the other hand, Mr. Lewis, the pretender, the charlatan, the fabricator, promoter and proprietor of a spurious Rosicrucian Order, has been busy in furnishing editors and publishers of such publications false information, and by his cunning methods and plausible misrepresentations has succeeded in misleading the editors and publishers of the following highly regarded

[4] Volume I, p. 183.

[5] I ask and expect no one to blindly accept my statements as being true. However, in justice to themselves all interested parties should give fair consideration to the proof of the charges as presented in this work and make their own independent investigations with an open mind.

publications and has induced them to make favorable mention of or to give their recognition to and approval of his swindling and fraudulent device, namely:

New Standard Year Book—1934.
Published by Funk and Wagnalls Company.

Modern Encyclopedia.
Published by Wm. H. Wise & Co.

Encyclopedia Britannica.
14th *latest revised* edition.

Webster's New International Dictionary.
Second Edition, published by G. & C. Merriam Company.

Doubleday Encyclopedia.
Published by Doubleday, Doran & Co., Inc.

The Columbia Encyclopedia.
1935 Edition.

The World Book Encyclopedia.
Published by W. F. Quarrie & Co.

The Progressive Reference Library.
1935 Edition, published by The Holst Publishing Company.

He has also attempted to mislead other editors and publishers of similar publications, but without success. Now, let us note how he is using the publications of the editors whom he has succeeded in misleading. On March 11, 1936, he forwarded a circular letter, on the letterhead of his spurious R. C. Order, over the signature of his son as "Secretary," to the Chief Librarian of all the public libraries in this country, containing the following statements:

> "Respected Librarian:
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> "The Rosicrucian Order, known throughout the world as AMORC, is a well-established and definitely organized movement and has an enviable reputation. Aside from what it may say about itself, the following unbiased, unprejudiced sources of information refer to it favorably."

Here is listed the publications above mentioned. The letter continues as follows:

> "We understand, however, that an individual named

> R. Swinburne Clymer of Pennsylvania, who operates a small organization from his farm, has circulated a booklet which is being distributed among the leading public libraries of this country and Canada, defaming this organization and its officers, the object being to have the libraries remove our official publication known as 'The Rosicrucian Digest' and our books."

He was fearful that we would place Volume I of this work in the public libraries of the country and that the truth concerning the Authentic Order and his fraudulent enterprise might be generally diffused. As a matter of fact, Volume I of this work has not been offered to public, fraternal, Masonic or other libraries for the reason that it was not complete. The completed work in Two Volumes will be presented, free of charge, to every public, fraternal and Masonic library in the land—however, not with the view of having removed therefrom "The Rosicrucian Digest" and other Lewis publications—but to make these volumes accessible to all interested persons, so that the facts concerning the real Rosicrucian Order and the spurious one in America may be known to all who desire to know the truth.

The letter continues:

> "We realize that chief librarians and library officials are not interested in controversies, but they do manifest a spirit of fair play. Therefore, we would appreciate it if, before acting on the libelous literature if it comes to your attention, you carefully read the enclosed booklet which reveals the calibre and character of the individual attacking this organization. You will note from a reading of the booklet that in the past he was severely rebuked and criticized for his conduct by the American Medical Association, and they also allege he was involved in a fraudulent 'diploma mill' closed by the United States Post Office."

With this letter was enclosed *White Book D,* which is completely answered in this volume. I have also fully answered his misuse of the article published in 1923 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in a pamphlet entitled: *"Dr. R. Swinburne Clymer Replies to 'Dr.' H. Spencer Lewis, The Mystic Swindler*

and the A.M.A. Article—Being an Exposé of His Attempted Misuse of That Article as a Shield of and in Perpetuation of His Own Insidious Fraud."[6]

The letter concludes thus:

> "We only ask that we be given the opportunity to defend ourselves against this slander and libel, if it comes to your attention."

It must occur, even to the casual reader and to the careless thinker, that if this publication is libelous, then the proper forum in which to try the issue of libel is a court of justice having jurisdiction of such matters and not a librarian or librarians. Upon this particular question I shall have more to say. Clearly this is an attempt to forestall and prevent, if possible, the placing of this publication in the public libraries, upon the plea that it is libelous and thus to delay, hinder and prevent the truth and the facts becoming generally known. Surely the public librarians in this land of liberty, where the freedom of the press is guaranteed, cannot be so hoodwinked and will not be thus induced to exclude this work from the Public Libraries and assist in suppressing the truth.

The other matter referred to is a circular letter sent to all radio stations in the country, under date of March 26, 1936, on the letterhead of "The Rosicrucian Order (AMORC)" signed by his son as "Secretary," which is as follows:

> "To the Program Manager:
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> "Dear Sir:
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> "It has been called to our attention recently that many radio stations throughout the country are receiving inquiries as to who the Rosicrucians are, and what their activities are. This is due to the fact that there are many programs on the air today dealing with philosophy, metaphysics, psychology, and kindred subjects, which mention the Rosicrucians.
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> "Therefore, we take this opportunity of sending you two enclosed brochures for reference. One is entitled 'Some Facts About the Rosicrucians,' which definitely sets forth what the organization is, and what it is not. The

[6] This pamphlet is available to all who desire it.

other conveys a pictorial idea of the institution behind the organization. We ask that you kindly file same away for reference under the heading of 'Rosicrucian' or 'Rosicrucianism.' Naturally the Rosicrucians are not a religious Order, but a philosophical society.

"If at any time we can provide you with further information about this Order for the benefit of your listeners, please do not hesitate in calling upon us.

"Attached is a list of recognized authoritative reference sources of an unbiased nature which refer to this world-wide organization. Its traditional origin dates back into antiquity."

Enclosed with said letter was the list of publications above referred to and the pamphlets therein mentioned. This is a fair sample of the clever, cunning, artful—yet insidious—methods employed to prevent the dissemination of truthful information about the Rosicrucians and the Rose Cross Order and to secure the broadcasting of false information in aid of his spurious Rosicrucian Order and fraternal swindle.

Before publishing the facts contained in Volume I hereof I offered to join Mr. Lewis in a fair, dignified and secret hearing and complete investigation of our respective claims before a competent tribunal composed of high Masons learned in fraternal customs, landmarks and laws and offered to abide the results thereof.[7] He *refused* to join in a fair, full and complete investigation. This should be sufficient indication to all investigators and interested parties that his false claims and spurious Rosicrucian Order cannot stand the test of an honest, proper and genuine investigation.

The gist of the charges I have made and now make against H. Spencer Lewis may be summarized as follows: that he was not initiated into the Order of the Rose Cross in France in 1909 and that he is not a Rosicrucian; that he received no rightful Rosicrucian authority from the French or any French Rosicrucian Order to institute the order in this country in 1915, and even if an authentic Rosicrucian Order had granted such authority—*which was not the case*—he could not have rightfully exercised such authority because the Order existed in this country at that time, prior

[7] See Book Three, Volme I, pp. 156 to 170.

thereto since 1858 and at all times since; that he fabricated his so-called Rosicrucian Order; that it is *spurious* and in no sense a real Rosicrucian organization; that he has falsely represented and continues to represent it to be a Rosicrucian Order and the only real Rosicrucian Organization in America perpetuating the original organization and its teachings, thereby perpetrating a continuing fraud by which thousands have been defrauded; that his various other claims of Rosicrucian authority from India, Egypt, Germany, Denmark, Switzerland and the World Council or the International R. C. Council are all *false* and have been used by him for fraudulent purposes and as swindling devices; that in 1928 he converted his spurious and fraudulent Rose Cross Order into a Family Racket, since which time he has been wrongfully carrying on and conducting a fraternal racket, a fraudulent enterprise and a mystic swindle of nation-wide and gigantic proportions. Thus I indict Mr. Lewis, the pseudo-Rosicrucian and fraternal racketeer. I am prepared to prove this indictment and much more than here charged.

I am aware that these charges are libelous *if untrue*. Therefore, the most effective way for him to establish the falsity thereof is to bring a libel suit against me. I will not resort to any technical pleas, but will plead the truth in full justification thereof—thus will the issue be clear cut and a court of competent jurisdiction can then determine the truth or falsity of the charges that I make.[8]

I fully appreciate the fact that this question can not be finally settled by the publication of charges even with sustaining evidence on my part, and Lewis publishing his replies thereto, for two principal reasons: First, ninety-eight percent of the public are uninformed upon the subject and are unable to determine the truth or the falsity of the charges. Second, Mr. Lewis is unscrupulous. He will make and publish any statement however false, if plausible, in reply thereto and will resort to any device or method however

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[8] Inasmuch as Mr. Lewis knows that the charges I make are true, it is not at all likely that he will hazard a suit on the clear-cut issue of the truth or falsity of my charges as briefly outlined above. If this bold suggestion forces him to bring a suit against me it can be accurately predicted, based upon his underhanded methods and past performance, that he will seek every unfair advantage, do everything possible to prevent a fair and just decision on the merits, bring his suit upon immaterial issues, becloud the issues by cunning subterfuges, create every possible ambiguity and resort to all dilatory tactics known to the cleverest lawyer, so that he may make a grandstand play and thus save himself without facing the real issue. Such a suit as he will bring, *if any,* and if *tried,* will be decisive of no important or vital issue.

unworthy and degrading to sustain himself and to perpetuate his fraudulent enterprise, even to the extent of publishing falsified or manufactured evidence and mutilated or deleted documents, as he did in his *White Book D,* as is fully demonstrated in this answer thereto.

In publishing the facts about this extraordinary fraternal racket and the unique methods of its cunning promoter and proprietor, the following objects have been foremost. (a) To protect the good name of a holy and sacred institution. (b) So far as possible, to prevent sincere seekers of the Rosy Cross from being misled and defrauded. (c) To cause and to assist students of occultism and mysticism, as well as all interested parties, to make their own investigations. (d) To arouse in mystic, occult and fraternal circles a righteous indignation against such racketeering in brotherly love and fraternalism, and cause the many thousands interested in mystic societies, occult orders and the various fraternities to make a public and insistent demand that the government and governmental agencies take necessary and proper action to protect the public against this notorious fraud and outrageous swindle. (e) And to emphatically and notably direct the attention of public officials, whose sworn and sacred duty it is to protect the citizens and inhabitants of this land against such frauds, to facts in the case, so that they may have no justifiable excuse for permitting such a swindle to exist, continue and prosper at the expense of thousands of victims—even though the wrong is cleverly and cunningly done under the disguise of fraternalism or brotherly love and committed with an air of mysticism that confuses, confounds and misleads high governmental officials as it has thousands of his victims.

If Mr. Lewis will accept my suggestion and bring a suit of libel against me without subterfuge, confusion or dilatory and unfair tactics, in federal or state courts of Pennsylvania, on the clear-cut issue that I have charged that his spurious Rosicrucian order is a fraud and a swindle, I will join the issue with him by pleading the truth of my charges and I will prove in court by competent and overwhelming evidence that his so-called Rosicrucian family racket is a fraud and swindle of the most malignant and pernicious type. With the assistance of attorneys who are members of the authentic Order in America who have volunteered their services and the authentic Rosicrucian Orders of Europe who have greatly assisted in collecting and securing the necessary evidence, I will make a judicial

record that will leave no room for doubt in the minds of public officials that AMORC, the family racket of H. Spencer Lewis, is a vicious fraud and nation-wide, inter-state swindle. With such facts judicially established in a civil action, then surely the government will promptly take the necessary and proper steps to put an end to this fraternal racketeering. Will Mr. Lewis thus assist in the judicial determination of the truth of my charges?

Publication of this volume has been delayed until every witness, here and abroad, could be located to prove every essential fact and until original rare documents, known to exist, could be secured from Europe and elsewhere, some of which are reproduced herein, notably: *Oriflamme, Jubilee Issue, 1912.*

Grateful acknowledgment is made of the valuable assistance thus rendered by Rosicrucian Grand Masters of France and Europe with whom we maintain the most cordial relations.

Assuming complete personal responsibility for every statement contained in this publication and vouching for the truth thereof, with this personal foreword I present this completed work, in two volumes, for the consideration and information of all concerned.

Truthfully and Fraternally submitted,

R. Swinburne Clymer.

PREAMBLE

We Have Heard the Other Side

In the so-called *White Book D* we have *The Other Side*—the defense of his fraudulent Rosicrucian Order, of his racketeering in brotherly love and fraternalism—as simulated, fabricated and falsified by H. Spencer Lewis. Herein it is weighed in the balances and found wanting—wholly wanting and devoid of *truth* or justification. Herein we make an exhaustive analysis of *White (?) Book D* and present herewith a complete answer thereto, insofar as it relates to us, to the authentic Rose Cross Order or purports to be a reply to our charges, for the benefit of those who do not know the facts but who desire to know the *truth* and for those who have not the means of ascertaining the *whole truth.* In this answer *White Book D* is stripped of all camouflage and is revealed to be a *Black Book of Deception* filled with the same character of plausible falsehoods, manufactured and falsified evidence, and deleted or mutilated documents—typically Lewistonian—employed by him in the fabrication of his spurious R. C. Order and in the organization of his fraternal racket. With the same wicked deception and the use of the same crafty methods and cunning devices he has been and is now carrying on and conducting one of the most unique and despicable frauds and mystic swindles of these times—indeed, of all times.

What Is This "White Book D"?

It purports to be Mr. Lewis' reply to several booklets,[1] which have had wide circulation under popular demand, in which we exposed his fabricated and spurious Rosicrucian organization, his family racket, his fraudulent practices, his swindling arts, his Black Magic connections and in which we also pointed the *Way to the Door of the authentic* TEMPLE OF THE ROSY CROSS.

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[1] Republished as Books Two, Three, Four and Five in *Volume I.*

How Does He Reply?

Did he make an honest reply? Did he face the facts, and make a fair, frank answer to the serious charges made against him? HE DID NOT! He cannot answer with truth. His whole scheme was conceived in falsehood and fraud, born in iniquity and matured into a fraternal racket and a wicked, perverse swindle. He cannot face the facts. The facts prove his guilt. He cannot stand four-square. His scheme is not on the square, and his racket is crooked. He cannot make an honest, straightforward answer. Such an answer would be a confession. In such a situation what did he do? He substituted ingenious stratagems and cunning artifices in a plausible reply for honest answer. And what were the subterfuge he used instead of an honest, straightforward answer based upon the truth and the facts?

First: The Convention and Committees

Like a dishonest debtor who schemes to beat his honest debts by carrying his property in his wife's name, he hides behind the so-called "joint activities" of "voluntary" committees and a "unanimous" National Convention—absolutely dominated and completely controlled by himself—through which self-constructed mouthpiece he praises and exalts himself and declares himself innocent and duly acquitted. However, knowing full well the true nature of the aforesaid "voluntary" committees and the "unanimous" convention, the compulsion, duress, deception and illusion under which they acted, or *purported* to act, and being fearful that the camouflage might not be sufficient—like a patent medicine vendor of quack cure-all remedies—he had the "Defense Committee" offer a reward of One Thousand Dollars to anyone who can prove that the committees did not exist and that they did not render their report to the effect and in the manner described, etc. Thus he finally acquits himself by offering an award—rather subtle evidence of guilt to keen minds and all seeing eyes—is it not?

Like a dexterous promoter of a fraudulent organization, when confronted by the accusing finger of truth and who is in danger of being seized by the hands of justice, he turns to his deceived and defrauded victims and cries: "Defend me, defend me, lest I and our great brotherhood and splendid order perish!" The *charges are against Mr. Lewis,* not against his members, who with his

deceptive arts and clever scheme he has misled and victimized, many of whom are still under the blinding influence of his cunning arts of deception, and so by the cleverest of crafty and adroit manipulations he leads his deceived and deluded victims to believe that they have been attacked and thus uses them as a bulwark for his safety and as an instrument for his defense.

His unscrupulous methods and the trickery employed to deceive and induce his committees to defend and whitewash him will appear, in their naked ugliness, throughout this book. The value of the findings of the "Defense Committee," the persuasive force of the "Unanimous Convention" will be specifically dealt with in Chapter Six in connection with the fraudulent nature and true status of his family racket.

Second: The Alleged Conspiracy

Feigning, as the guilty often do, the martyrdom of an innocent "victim" of vicious and wicked persecution, he makes the countercharge of a terrible plot and an awful conspiracy to expose his swindle and to destroy his family racket. By this ingenious *ruse* of destructive and all-consuming conspiracy—behind this frail man of straw, constructed by himself for his temporary security—he hopes to hide, like an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, until the fury of the rising and increasing storm of righteous protests of his wronged and defrauded victims blows over.

We reply in Chapter One to this makeshift contrivance used by him to create sympathy for himself and with the hope of diverting attention from the facts so as to prevent serious consideration of the truth of charges upon their merits.

Third: False Issues and Confusion

Being unable to meet the real charges, the essence of which is that he fabricated a spurious R. C. Order and falsely represented it to be a genuine Rosicrucian Order which is a fraud and a swindle, he resorts to the bewildering disguise of setting up false issues, of misstating all issues and of singling out immaterial issues to which he makes plausible replies which he regards as being fully answered and shown to be false. He anticipates this clever stratagem in his

"Important Foreword"[2] wherein he argues that if the one who is making the charges is found to have been incorrect or to have falsified in one or two of his statements, then all of his evidence should be disregarded and the charges must by reason thereof be ignored. Thus he prepares his readers so that the trickery he employs will be successful and have the desired and intended effect.

To make doubly sure that the issues and the serious charges will be ignored or forgotten, he sets up a smoke-screen by resorting to every known artifice to confuse, confound, bewilder, bamboozle and nonplus his members and the public with the hope of escaping the wrath of those he has wronged and circumvent and forestall a just verdict based upon the facts in the case.

These matters and the clever methods of this cunning proprietor of a fraternal racket, although noted throughout this entire Book, are given special consideration in Chapter Two.

Fourth: Personal Attacks and Counter-Charges

To save himself and to perpetuate his spurious R. C. enterprise and family racket he makes unjustified attacks and false counter-charges against the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America. These attacks and his counter-charges he supports by falsified and manufactured evidence. It is apparent that his purpose is to discredit us that he may escape the charges we make against him and to destroy or render impotent the authentic Rosicrucian Order in America, that his fraudulent R. C. enterprise may be recognized and regarded as the authentic order. His efforts to destroy the authentic Order, to discredit its official head and the detestable methods employed to accomplish his unworthy purposes are fully considered in Chapter Three, where his despicable methods and deplorable tactics are exposed. The low degree and the extreme limits to which this unscrupulous fabricator, promoter and proprietor of this fraudulent R. C. enterprise and fraternal racket has stooped and will go to save himself and to perpetuate his mystic swindle, conducted under the guise of brotherly love and in the spirit of fraternalism, are fully demonstrated by his own acts and wanton methods as is shown in this chapter and also in Chapter Four.

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[2] *White Book D,* p. 5.

Fifth: Petty Chicanery

Particular and studious attention is directed to Chapter Four, wherein Lewis' claims of Rosicrucian authority from and through *Clandestine Masonry* and his claims of authority by, from and through various *World Councils* and *International R. C. Councils* are completely refuted. His emphatic denial of any connections or relations whatever with Aleister Crowley, the notorious Black Magician, whom Lewis denounces and severely arraigns, and his denial of Crowley's connections with the O.T.O. (*Ordo Templi Orientis*), from which he claims to hold a Charter granting Rosicrucian authority to him, are shown to be absolutely false.

All of his mythical claims of authority from non-existing World and International R. C. Councils having failed, his latest and *final* claim of authoritative recognition by the FUDOSI (*Federation Universelle des Ordres et Societes Initiatiques*), which he claims guarantees the genuineness and authenticity of his family racket "as the only authentic Rosicrucian Order in North and South America, perpetuating the ancient and true organization of the Rosicrucians, and their genuine principles and laws," is shown to be a huge and monumental hoax and hocus-pocus perpetrated by Lewis, with the assistance of a few of his European confederates, to give plausibility to his spurious claims of Rosicrucian authenticity.

In this Chapter his "holier-than-thou" attitude and the sincerity of his vehement denunciation of all sex teachings by occult and mystic schools in connection with the mysteries are shown to be inconsistent and in sharp contrast with his close association and affiliation with Black Masters of degraded sex practices, with sex perverts, with leaders of Nudist cults and with teachers of degraded and dangerous sex teachings.

Faced with the necessity of admitting that his claims of Rosicrucian authority from the International R. C. Councils were false and of admitting his connection with Crowley in and through the O.T.O., he resorted to the unholy and dangerous expediency of attempting to prove the false to be true and to sustain his untenable position by the publication of *falsified* and *manufactured* evidence and *mutilated* documents.

In this and also in Chapters Five and Six, students and investigators of fraudulent Orders and fraternal rackets will find excellent

material for the study of one of the cleverest and most successful swindlers, trafficking in brotherly love and exploiting the nobler instincts and higher ideals of mankind. Perhaps the Post Office Department and the Federal Trade Commission will also find the material of interest, because—after all—inducing men and women to part with their money and to join a spurious order and fraternal racket on false representations is just as fraudulent—just as rancid and pernicious—as any other fraudulent commercial scheme pawning off bogus stocks, worthless bonds or rotten potatoes on unadvised and credulous people. In truth and in fact, it is far more pernicious and mischievous, since it robs its victims not only of things material, but exploits their nobler impulses and robs them of their higher ideals.

And all readers will be astonished, if not dumfounded, at the clever trickery, the cunning devices and the subtle artifice employed to promote and carry on this swindle, and the depraved tactics and shocking chicanery resorted to by the master mind of the Lewistonian Hierarchy of Fraud to save himself and to perpetuate his fraternal racket.

Sixth: Shifting Claims of Authority

The various and conflicting claims as to the source or sources of authority made by Lewis for his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal enterprise are not generally available. Therefore, to make such material available for all interested parties and to preserve a compiled record thereof, a supplemental review of the hodgepodge claims of the claptrap authority asserted by him from time to time during the past twenty-one years, is to be found in Chapter Five.

There is an abundance of other evidence to prove that his so-called R. C. Order is spurious and counterfeit. However, the various, different, conflicting, improbable and impossible claims of authority; the changing and shifting from one source of alleged authority to another; the suspicious statement so often made that his claims have been investigated by so many different committees and found to be genuine, showing that he knows their inherent weakness and feels the need of having them bolstered up by certification from outside sources; and the contradictory statements, the self-impeaching explanations and the "puffed-up" fabulous, unrea-

sonable claims made by Lewis for his spurious R. C. Order are proof sufficient, within themselves, and most convincing to unbiased, incredulous and ungullible men and women of average intelligence, when fully reviewed, compared and analyzed. Out of his own mouth and by his own published statements, he convicts himself.

Seventh: Public Debate

Having employed every known artifice, cunning machination, clever stratagem, bewildering disguise and depraved chicanery, and after ignoring for more than a year and a half our sincere offer for a fair, dignified, complete and decisive investigation by a competent tribunal,[3] made in response to his second challenge for a public debate, and refusing to join in such an investigation, because he cannot face the facts before a competent tribunal, therefore, he concludes his *Black Book of Deception*—miscalled *White Book D*—by publishing and discussing the third challenge to a public debate. We reply to this—one of his often-used and overworked subterfuges—in the Seventh and concluding Chapter of this Book.

Arrangement of Contents

This answer to *White Book D* naturally and conveniently divides itself into seven principal sub-divisions or chapters. Hence as a matter of convenient and logical treatment this answer is presented under seven general headings and Chapters, as follows:

CHAPTER I—THE GREAT CONSPIRACY BUGABOO AS A SHIELD FOR AN OCCULT FRAUD.

CHAPTER II—THE ANCIENT DEFENSE OF CONFUSION AS A DEVICE TO ESCAPE THE TRUTH.

CHAPTER III—PERSONAL ATTACKS—COUNTER-CHARGES, FALSIFIED AND MANUFACTURED EVIDENCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE REAL TO PERPETUATE A SPURIOUS R. C. ORDER.

CHAPTER IV—THE IMPERATOR DEFENDS HIMSELF WITH THE MEANEST TRICKS OF HIS BLACK ART, USING MUTILATED DOCUMENTS AND PETTY CHICANERY.

CHAPTER V—SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW OF THE HODGEPODGE OF

[3] See *Volume I*, pp. 133 to 170 inclusive.

CLAIMS OF CLAPTRAP AUTHORITY ASSERTED FOR THIS FRATERNAL SWINDLE.

CHAPTER VI—CONTROLLED COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS USED AS A SMOKE-SCREEN FOR A FAMILY RACKET. ITS TRUE NATURE AND EXACT STATUS REVEALED.

CHAPTER VII—BALLYHOOING PROPAGANDA—SHOW-WINDOW DRESSING—BIG BLUFFING—CHALLENGING TO PUBLIC DEBATE AS A FIRE ESCAPE FROM THE BURNING TRUTH.

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With this general explanation of the contents of this book we present our answer to Mr. Lewis and his so-called *White Book D.*

CHAPTER ONE

THE GREAT CONSPIRACY BUGABOO AS A SHIELD FOR AN OCCULT FRAUD

Cunning Stratagem

The Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy has much to say in "White (?) Book D" and also in a small booklet issued in 1933 under the title of *"Guilty"* concerning an alleged conspiracy of certain named parties (hereafter to be dealt with) for the purpose of injuring AMORC and diminishing the Royal Revenues of his Hierarchal Racket. He uses the conspiracy "bugbear" rather cleverly as a protective device to screen and protect his own acts in the operation of a fraudulent device and occult swindle, and skillfully gives it the plausible appearance of being a wicked and criminal combination entered into by revengeful, designing and self-seeking persons to wreck a worthy and noble order—his own racket—and to injure the supporting and paying members thereof —who are, in fact, deluded and unfortunate victims of his beguiling deceit. Such is but *one* of the *many* clever tricks, skillful maneuvers, cunning stratagems and ingenious subterfuges used by this Master of the Black Art of Deception to fool his victims and to keep them fooled. He denies that he practices Black Magic, but deception is one of the vicious forms of Black Magic.[1]

The Authentic Order in Conspiracy Against a Spurious, Fraudulent Order

He charges that the official head of the *Authentic* Rosicrucian Order in America, which he alleges is only a small organization conducted from a small and shabby farmhouse in Pennsylvania,[2] is in conspiracy against his spurious, fabricated and fraudulent R. C. Order which he and his son are using as a plausible device for the successful operation of a money-making scheme for the complete

[1] See discussion of the Black Art of Deception, *Volume I,* p. 338.

[2] See Reproduction of Lewis' exhibit No. 2 and our reply thereto in Chapter III of this book.

support and luxurious living of his family, his son's family and the gratification of his own inordinate desire to be the head of a large organization and to rule it like a mighty Czar, whose most trivial wish is a profound and sacred law—*final,* if you please—from which there is no appeal and none to gainsay.[3] The Authentic in conspiracy against the spurious! Think of it! The true and genuine in conspiracy against the false traducers and fraudulent user of its Holy Symbols and Sacred Name! Let it be remembered that there can be no wrongful and unlawful conspiracy *to tell the truth* and that co-operation with others to expose a fraud and to uncover a swindle is not—cannot be—conspiracy. Therefore, Lewis' charge of conspiracy against us is a dressed-up "bugaboo."[4]

Timely Warning Given

Long before any of Lewis' former members, whom he says are iniquitous conspirators, discovered that his racket was a fraudulent enterprise and a mystifying swindle, and before they entered upon serious and careful investigation thereof, the writer had repeatedly published in many books, magazines and pamphlets the facts, namely: that AMORC was fabricated by Lewis; that it is a spurious R. C. Order; that it is a delusion and a fraud, and that it is a clever scheme of Lewis to make money and to glorify himself. Indeed, since shortly after he launched his fraudulent and spurious Rosicrucian Order in 1915 to the present time we have been and still are advising the public and interested parties of the true nature of this fraternal swindle.

Let us examine carefully into this remarkable conspiracy to expose a fraud and to uncover a swindle.

E. E. Thomas, a Conspirator

Dr. Thomas had been a leading member of AMORC. Lewis ordained him as a minister in his Pristine Church[5] and also appointed him the Master of Hermes Lodge AMORC of Los Angeles, California, with a thousand or more members. During the latter part of 1930 the Master and many of the members of that

[3] This is discussed at length in Chapter VI of this Book.

[4] See our statement concerning this alleged conspiracy, *Volume I,* pp. 277-278.

[5] See fac-simile reproduction No. 21, *Volume I,* p. 282.

lodge discovered the true nature of the Lewis Hierarchy and its so-called R. C. Order. Dr. Thomas led a revolt of the members which disorganized that body, probably the largest subordinate lodge that has existed since the launching of this mystic enterprise and fraternal fraud in 1915.

Lewis brought an action against Thomas in the Superior Court of Los Angeles county, entitled the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis vs. E. E. Thomas, praying for *damages* and an injunction. The case was tried on January 5, 1931. On cross-examination, Lewis was forced to make so many damaging admissions and the examination was developing the truth *so fast,* it got *so hot* for Lewis that he dismissed the action and ran for cover.[6] Dr. Thomas continued his investigation. He made inquiry of us. We told him the truth about this spurious order and swindling scheme. We co-operated with him in his investigation. In turn he assisted us and supplied us with much evidence of the truth of our charges against Lewis and his racket. Certainly—most certainly—that was not conspiracy.

Miss Myrtle Crane, Another Conspirator

Miss Crane had been a member of the Lewis organization. She was deceived, misled and induced, along with many other members, to sail in February, 1929, with Lewis and other officials of AMORC on a Mystic Excursion into Egypt to receive a Cosmic Initiation, for a substantial price paid to Lewis, in an ancient R. C. Temple of the Land of the Pharaohs and the Ancient Priesthood. She discovered the hoax; to her it was no joke. On returning, she resigned and began a careful, thorough and painstaking investigation of this spurious and fraudulent order. For more than two years she worked diligently, ascertained the truth and collected a large amount of evidence, documentary and otherwise, to establish the fact that AMORC as operated by Lewis & Son was a fraudulent device. In August, 1931, she filed a complaint with the Post Office Department at Washington, consisting of about 135 closely typewritten pages, charging Lewis & Son with the fraudulent use of the mails and also filed a large suitcase full of

[6] Lewis says he has been successful with all his many lawsuits. This is one in which he admitted disastrous defeat. See Chapter III of this Book for further discussion of his lawsuits.

documents and evidence to support her charges. But this mystifying swindle was too mystifying to the Post Office Department, and nothing was done about it, except that which Lewis did to forestall it and to prevent a genuine investigation and proper action in connection therewith.

During her investigation, Miss Crane got in touch with us. We also advised her of the truth about the Lewis Hierarchy of fraud, and furnished her with such documents as she requested. In no proper sense or meaning of the term was there a conspiracy between Miss Crane and ourselves—nor between she and the many individuals who assisted her and supplied much of the evidence to support her charges. It is not conspiracy to help another expose a fraud.

George L. Smith, an Arch-Conspirator

Mr. Smith also had been a member of AMORC. He, too, discovered that it was a fraudulent scheme and a fraternal racket of the Lewises. He set out to make a full investigation and to get at the facts, which he accomplished to a high degree of excellence. He carried on an extensive and voluminous correspondence with everyone whom he thought might give him any desired information. He also wrote us. We also gave him such facts and supplied him with such documents and proof as he requested. Aiding him in his laudable and praiseworthy undertaking was not conspiracy.

Smith's "Rotter" Letter

On March 25, 1932, Smith wrote Lewis a severe letter in which he addressed him as "You Rotter" and charged him with lying, stealing material from others, and fraudulent practices. Smith published the letter. It was too much for Lewis. He claimed that he had been criminally libeled. However, he did not file his criminal complaint against Smith in the usual manner, nor in the county where Smith resided. As usual, he resorted to scheming trickery and clever maneuvering, thereby seeking and obtaining every unfair advantage. It was his idea and purpose to convict Smith and vindicate himself, regardless of the truth of Smith's charges or the merits of the case. To accomplish this end, he

arranged to have his own attorney appointed as a Special District Attorney of Santa Clara County, California—the County of his residence. He then arranged, through his own attorney, to have a complaint of Criminal Libel filed against Smith in San Jose (Lewis' home), many miles from Smith's home, charging him with criminally libeling Lewis. Under this complaint Lewis' attorney, acting under color of office and as an official, went in person to Smith's home in Bakersfield, Kern County, California; had him arrested and with a search warrant made a search of his home, taking all of his correspondence relating to his investigation of Lewis' Fraternal Racket.[7]

On July 21, 1932, in San Jose—Lewis' home, where he claims to be well known and highly respected—far from his own home in a city of strangers, Smith was tried on the Criminal Charge of Libeling Lewis. Smith entered a plea of Not Guilty because he said that the charges he had made against Lewis and his Racket *were true.*

Lewis appeared as the prosecuting witness, testified in his own behalf against Smith and presented his evidence. Smith testified in his own behalf and presented his evidence to show that his charges were true and that he had not libeled Lewis. With Smith at a disadvantage and laboring under many handicaps; with his own attorney prosecuting in a friendly court; with all of Smith's papers and correspondence in his possession, available as evidence against him, and with every advantage he had taken of Smith he was unable to convict him before a jury in San Jose, composed of his fellow townsmen. After hearing the evidence a majority of the jury believed *that the charges were true* and refused to convict Smith. Lewis had the criminal action dismissed[8] and filed a civil action against Smith and Thomas, alleging that they had conspired with others to injure his family enterprise. Later we will discuss the trial of his "conspiracy suit," styled *The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis vs. George L. Smith and E. E. Thomas,* which was a travesty on Justice, and a fraud upon the Court.

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[7] This correspondence was used in Lewis' "conspiracy case" against Smith, which will be discussed later.

[8] Another lawsuit Lewis did not win.

Stanley Daines, a Conspirator

Stanley Daines, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, also had been a member of AMORC. He, too, "smelt a mouse," discovered the sophistry of the great Imperator and began an investigation of the far-flung and intricate mystical swindle of the mighty Imperator of the Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeers. Perhaps he was poor, unfortunate, without funds and on relief, as Lewis charges —we do not know—yet he knew that he had been victimized and fleeced by the most expert buccaneer that ever sailed the Mystic Main or operated upon the Occult Deep. He began a correspondence with other investigators of the aforesaid frauds. He also made inquiry of us. We also told him the *truth* about the schemes and practices of the proprietors of this mystical, fraternal enterprise conducted under the trade-marked name of AMORC and fraudulently represented to be a genuine Rosicrucian Order. To tell him the truth, to assist him and others in exposing the fraud was not conspiracy.

Alfred H. Saunders, the First Conspirator The First Member to Expose the Fraud

It seems, according to Lewis' own testimony on the subject, that Mr. Saunders was a high Rosicrucian Initiate before Mr. Lewis bestowed his bogus honors upon him and made him Editor in Chief of his magazine in March, 1916. However, it appears that since Saunders was possessed of some knowledge of true Rosicrucianism he soon discovered that Lewis was a clever faker and that AMORC was wholly devoid of everything that savors of Rosicrucianism, except in name alone. He began to question and failed to praise and bow before the Great High Priest of Fraud and Fabrication. That was a fatal error. He was promptly excommunicated and cast out of the inner Den of Crooked Dealing. No doubt he had been grossly deceived—perhaps he did, in righteous indignation, swear vengeance and declare his intention to expose Lewis' fraudulent R. C. fabrication and to declare the truth—the whole truth—in connection therewith. It was the natural thing to do; moreover, it was the right thing to do.

It is too bad that all of the early members of 1915 and 1916, and especially the original "supreme council" that Lewis appointed

on All Fools' Day to elect him "Grand Master General and Imperator," did not also expose him and his entire scheme when they discovered that they had been victimized, instead of hiding their humiliation in silence.

Mr. Saunders did *not* get in touch with us. Evidently he had other and sufficient means of ascertaining the truth about Lewis and his counterfeit Rosicrucianism. Possibly he has collected a "trunkful" of evidence to prove the rascality of the First Dynasty of AMORC. He made no promises and delivered no evidence to us. Therefore, we did not "conspire" with Saunders to tell the truth about Lewis' fraudulent scheme and fraternal racket.

Mrs. Max Heindel, a Conspiring Rival

On April 21, 1930, Lewis, with arrogance personified, with his own egotism greatly inflated and with exaggerated conceit and contemptuous vanity, wrote a letter to Mrs. Heindel, peremptorily demanding that she get off the earth and discontinue the use of the word Rosicrucian in connection with her organization—the Rosicrucian Fellowship. We do not recognize the Max Heindel Fellowship as an authentic Rosicrucian Order—nor does it claim authority from the authentic Order. The Fellowship was founded by an able mystic, and, so far as we know, it has never been conducted as a fraudulent enterprise and it has not disgraced the Holy Name of the Rose Cross. We went to the defense of Mrs. Heindel in an article, published in THE INITIATES, July, 1930 (Vol. 3, No. 3, Pages 33 to 55), in which we clearly demonstrated that Lewis was entirely without Rosicrucian authority and that he, a pseudo-Rosicrucian, had been exceedingly presumptuous in writing such a letter to Mrs. Heindel and questioning her right to use a Rosicrucian appellation to describe her organization or Fellowship. If going to the defense of Mrs. Heindel under those circumstances and defending her against the presumptuous attack of a rank pretender was conspiracy, then it was benevolent and fraternal conspiracy, the kind of conspiracy that will put an end to fraternal swindles and racketeering in brotherly love.

Smythe and Pease of Canada Also Conspirators

Messrs. Albert E. S. Smythe and W. B. Pease are members of the Theosophical Society of Canada. They are also the publishers

of *The Canadian Theosophist,* in which they publish articles containing some rather pertinent facts concerning Lewis and his business. Hence they became conspirators. They requested copies of our publications, which we gladly forwarded to them with our compliments, the courtesy of a fellow publisher. Is that conspiracy?

Lewistonian Conspiracy

Lewistonian conspiracy is a new brand—a special kind of conspiracy. It is a fiction—a bugbear created by the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy and used by him as a strategic smoke-screen to shield and protect his private fraternal racket. According to his special definition and classification, every member, victim, person or publisher who investigated his racket or told the truth about his methods or his swindling enterprise is a conspirator. Therefore, the communications passing between his former member-victims in their investigation of his racket; their communications with others and with the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rose Cross Order in America, to ascertain the facts, and his action in furnishing them such information as they desired, in communicating the truth to them and to others, is the evidence that Lewis offers to prove his conspiracy bugbear. Let us follow through and see how much real virtue there is in his contention.

Smith's Investigation Thorough and Truth-Revealing

When Lewis had his personal attorney acting as a Special Assistant District Attorney in a criminal case, under a search warrant, search George L. Smith's home, he obtained copies of Smith's correspondence. It was then he realized that Smith had made a very thorough and sweeping investigation and that he had unearthed the truth concerning his own family racket and fraudulent enterprise. He knew that Smith had the evidence, or had ascertained the means of securing the evidence, to prove the charges he had been making. So he conceived the plan of bringing a civil action against Smith charging him with conspiring with a few of the persons with whom he had corresponded in his truth-searching and fact-finding investigation of his (Lewis') activities with the hope that he might put an end to such investigations. There had been altogether too much careful and efficient investigation. It

must be stopped if he was to save his racket.

He knew that Smith had no funds, that the individuals with whom he proposed to charge a conspiracy live far from California, and that most likely such a suit would not be defended. If the suit was not defended, then his scheme would work without difficulty or complications. However, if defended he had other plans, as we shall soon see when the facts and circumstances of that case are considered and understood.

To Use the Courts to Further a Racket

With clever designing and ample funds, he determined to make the Courts an instrument of his deceptive skill and insidious false propaganda, and the Halls of Justice a device in his cunning hands to protect, hide and perpetuate his fraudulent fraternal racket. How well he succeeded in carrying out his purpose and design—how exceedingly effective—how disgracefully he succeeded in overreaching and practicing his subtle deception and fraud on the Court will appear to your great amazement as we proceed.

The Conspiracy Suit

In December, 1932, he caused to be filed in the Superior Court of Kern County, California (Smith's home County, where the law required it to be filed), the suit of *The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, a Corporation, against George L. Smith and E. E. Thomas,* which for the sake of brevity we will hereafter refer to as AMORC vs. SMITH, in which he alleges that Smith and Thomas (being the only persons who were actually party defendants) conspired with Alfred Saunders, *one John Doe Clymer,* Myrtle Crane, and Stanley Daines (none of whom were party defendants) to injure the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC by circulating false and defamatory statements for the purpose of depriving the plaintiff (in reality Lewis and son) of its supporting membership, revenues and property and thereby to wreck the plaintiff organization.[9] In other words, he charged that Smith had libeled and slandered him and

[9] All statements made herein concerning the case of AMORC vs. SMITH are based upon the official printed record of the case on Appeal, herein referred to as *Transcript,* now pending before the Supreme Court of California.

his business, and, with Thomas, had conspired with others to wreck his business.[1]

The Truth Is a Complete Defense

We are advised that neither in law nor as a matter of fact can there be an unlawful conspiracy to tell the truth and to expose a fraud or swindle. It matters not how seemingly defamatory a statement may be, it is not slanderous, libelous or unlawful if it be true. The truth is a complete legal answer and there can be no unlawful conspiracy, no libel or slander and no recovery. It is not against the law to tell the truth, to expose frauds and swindles. To do so is the duty of every good citizen.

Pleads the Truth in Justification of His Acts and Statements

Now, Smith had made and published some very serious and ugly statements about Lewis, his methods and his enterprise, which no doubt were slanderous and libelous, if false. In answer to Lewis' complaint, he denied that he had conspired with others, and as an *affirmative defense* and in justification of his charges, said that they were *true* and set forth facts to show that they were true.

The Affirmative Defense

In his affirmative defense, which consisted of 40 paragraphs and covers 60 pages in the official printed Transcript on Appeal (pages 66 to 106 both inclusive), Smith alleged and charged, in substance, among many other things, that the Plaintiff, the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC and the Lewis family are one and the same; that it is a family racket; that it is a fraudulent scheme, and that it is a spurious, clandestine Rosicrucian organization used by Lewis as a fraudulent device for his own benefit and the pecuniary profit of himself and family. He alleged the many deceptive methods, means and practices and the various cunning ways and clever arti-

[1] See Chapter VI, in which it is shown that Lewis claims complete proprietorship over AMORC; that it is his private affair and that the paying members have no interest in, no voice in its management or in the management of its property, and are not members of his so-called Order—only the Lewises and their handy men are members of the *"Order."* The paying members constitute the supporting Brotherhood of the Lewis Hierarchy, according to the recent testimony of Lewis.

fices were used by Lewis to carry on and perpetuate said fraudulent scheme and family racket. He then pleaded the truth of his charges and tendered the truth thereof, as a good and entirely sufficient answer to Lewis' suit.

Could Not Face the Truth

Smith's affirmative answer brought Lewis face to face with the *truth.* He could not face the TRUTH. From that time on he began to talk settlement; to scheme to buy his way out and save his face; to secure a judicial approval of his acts and his fraternal racket, notwithstanding that such judicial approval would be without justification, and to use the courts as a means for his false and insidious propaganda. How well he succeeded—how infamously well he succeeded—will appear as we proceed.

His own attorney advised against such a scheme. He ignored the advice, hired another attorney, a *special attorney,* ostensibly as an associate counsel in his suit against Smith; *in reality* a special attorney to negotiate settlement of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH and to carry out his scheme. As a matter of fact, the newly employed attorney carried on the negotiations, made the settlement, carried out and perfected the scheme of Lewis without the consent or knowledge of his regular attorney as will fully appear as we proceed.

Lewis Opened Negotiations

Smith was without funds; it was with great difficulty that he raised sufficient cash to pay the expenses of himself and attorney in connection with the litigation. His then attorney had successfully represented him in the criminal prosecution, as well as in the then pending case of AMORC vs. SMITH, but he had been unable to pay his fees. It had been agreed between them that a suit would be filed against Lewis for false arrest and malicious prosecution and that his attorney should be paid for his services out of the damages recovered.

Lewis was aware of this situation. It was an ideal situation from his viewpoint. Indeed, it seemed to be made to his order and it did greatly aid the ultimate success of his scheme. Through his Special Attorney, he opened negotiations with Smith's said attorney who was favorable to making a settlement. Several

conferences were held with said attorney and Lewis' plan of settlement was outlined to him in a general way and he agreed to recommend it to Smith and urge him to accept.

Most of the details of Lewis' vicious scheme—hereafter set forth and discussed at length—were carefully concealed from Smith's said attorney. It is doubtful that he had any idea of the wicked viciousness of Lewis' scheme as it developed and was worked out with his aid and co-operation. That Lewis involved him step by step and then took unmerciful and deliberate advantage of him will later appear. He was not a willful culprit in the affair —even though he acted contrary to the wishes of Smith. He entered into the plan of settlement in the beginning and took the first few steps in furtherance of it because he believed that it was best for his client and for himself to settle all matters, take the money and let Lewis have his way. The "few first steps," however, involved him and made Lewis his Master. Lewis "outsmarted" him, and he fell a victim to his clever scheming.

On March 25, 1933, Smith was called to his attorney's office in San Jose, and informed that there had been several conferences with Lewis' attorney; that the Lewises were anxious to avoid any further publicity regarding their activities; that his claim for damages against Lewis and all litigation could be settled if he would consent to the transfer of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH from Kern County (his home) to Santa Clara County (Lewis' home); withdraw his affirmative answer; make default and let Lewis take judgment, as hereinafter set forth, whereupon he would settle Smith's claim for damages if he would discontinue his attack on the Lewises and AMORC. Smith refused to enter into such an arrangement.

Seeing that Smith would not agree to the plan, his attorney, who resided in San Jose, insisted that it would be too expensive for him to go to Kern County to try the case and that, since Smith could not advance his expenses, it would be best to have it transferred to San Jose, where he could give it his personal attention. Under those circumstances, Smith agreed that it might become necessary to transfer the case to San Jose. He then insisted that, inasmuch as the Lewises were talking settlement and Smith resided some distance from San Jose, Smith should leave all matters in his hands, give him a Power of Attorney and a contract for the

division of any damages he secured or recovered in payment of his fees.

Smith was anxious that his attorney should receive his fees and was willing for him to take the major portion of any damages he should recover from Lewis in payment for his services. Accordingly, he executed a general Power of Attorney, giving his said attorney full power and unlimited authority and also a contract for the major portion of any damages he should recover. However, upon the condition and with the distinct understanding that, if the case of AMORC vs. SMITH should be transferred to San Jose for trial, it would be tried upon the pleadings as they then stood, including his *Special Affirmative Truth-Revealing Answer,* and that no amendments would be consented to and no settlement made without his full knowledge and consent. He also advised his said attorney at the time that no settlement would be consented to unless AMORC went out of business, and Lewis paid the damages for false arrest and searching of his home.[2]

The Scheme in Detail

The master scheme of Lewis to save himself and to secure a judicial sanction of his fraudulent enterprise as it was worked out between his Special Attorney and the then attorney of Smith clearly appears in and from the Official Record of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH, being the printed Transcript on Appeal.

Lewis was willing—yes, anxious—to pay Smith to quit—to pay him well to withdraw his affirmative answer alleging facts and the truth that he could not face, if Smith would do so and also permit him (Lewis) to take an unjustified and spurious judgment sustaining the validity of his claims concerning AMORC and justifying his practices. Of course, Lewis could not afford to pay the money as an avowed consideration for the direct settlement of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH and for the withdrawal of that truth-telling answer. No, indeed—it might be found out, the truth become known—the cat would be out of the bag and Lewis would lose all of the benefit of the plausible yet deceptive appearance of judicial sanction and favorable findings.

No, no; that would never do! It must be done indirectly, un-

[2] AMORC vs. SMITH, Transcript, pp. 176 to 179.

derhanded and under the cover of clever deception and plausible appearances. The master schemer proposed to pay his way out, and he intended that it should be a sure and safe way. There must appear some reason for paying money to Smith or his attorney, other than the settlement of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH. To settle that case would be an open confession by Lewis that Smith was right and that he was wrong; that would be ruinous. There must be a case of SMITH vs. AMORC to be settled as a *pretext and a blind* for the settlement of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH that he dare not try on the merits of Smith's *truth-revealing answer.* Therefore, although the case to be settled was that of AMORC vs. SMITH, the complete success of his scheme required that Smith sue Lewis and AMORC, to furnish the blind or screen for Lewis to pay his way out.

The Convenient Camouflage

Now, it appears that Alfred Aram, then acting as the attorney for Lewis and AMORC, prior thereto had written an ugly letter about Smith to John Wisher, Grand Secretary of the Masonic bodies of California. This was a convenient makeshift and disguise—a real opportunity—so in accordance with and in furtherance of the cleverly worked out deceptive plan to give the plausible appearance of truth to Lewis' wicked scheme, the then attorney for Smith, without his knowledge, on May 16, 1933, verified and filed in the Superior Court of Santa Clara County at San Jose, California, a libel suit—*the subterfuge suit*—entitled *George L. Smith, plaintiff, vs. the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, H. Spencer Lewis and Alfred Aram, defendants,* on a letter that did not constitute a valid cause of action. Aram and Smith are Masons. Aram's letter to the Grand Secretary was a Masonic communication. It was secret and priviledged. We are advised on good authority that the letter was not actionable, and that Smith had no valid cause of action for libel, on that account, against Lewis or AMORC. That is the reason it was used for the *subterfuge suit.* Smith knew nothing of the Lewis scheme. If he should discover it, get another attorney and prosecute the suit, Lewis could successfully defend it. It was a well-planned and executed scheme. Smith had a good cause of action against Lewis for false arrest and imprisonment on account

of Lewis' unsuccessful criminal prosecution, but it was not used as the basis of the *subterfuge suit,* for the reason indicated.

How the Scheme Was Worked Out

With the stage all set and the matter in the hands of the attorneys, let us see how speedily and effectively Lewis worked out his scheme. The above-mentioned Power of Attorney was dated March 25, 1933. On April 24, 1933, an Order was entered *by consent*—on the consent of his then attorney—transferring the case from Kern County to Santa Clara County.[3] The scheme was working and under full headway. On April 28, 1933, Ralph M. Lewis drew the *pay-off* check on AMORC funds in the sum of $15,000[4] to settle the case of AMORC vs. SMITH, to save their fraternal racket and to carry out his father's scheme. The check was drawn *eighteen (18) days before* the *subterfuge* libel suit of SMITH vs. AMORC, LEWIS and ARAM was filed—the suit that was intended to be and was used by Lewis as a blind for his *pay-off* and as a device to carry out his vicious scheme. The fact that the *pay-off* check was drawn far in advance of the filing of the *subterfuge suit* is evidence most convincing and proof sufficient of the purpose and intent of Lewis' scheme as herein outlined, without the overwhelming additional corroborative proof produced or referred to herein revealing the viciousness of the scheme and the unscrupulous method of its execution.

On May 16, 1933, and after the *pay-off* check was drawn, Smith's then attorney filed the subterfuge libel suit, before mentioned, of SMITH vs. AMORC, LEWIS and ARAM.[5] On June 19, 1933, only seven days before the case of AMORC vs. SMITH was tried, Smith's then attorney agreed without his knowledge that Lewis or AMORC might file an amended complaint, and on the same date an amended complaint was filed.[6] There was no substantial difference between the amended and original complaints. It was filed as a clever and tricky means of eliminating Smith's

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[3] AMORC vs. SMITH, Transcript, p. 126.

[4] As shown by the testimony of Ralph M. Lewis on February 20, 1936, in the U. S. District Court at San Francisco, in the case of Roy W. Smith *et al.* vs. AMORC *et al.* Official Reporter's Transcript Vol. I, pp. 72, 73, 74.

[5] AMORC vs. SMITH, Transcript, pp. 179, 180.

[6] AMORC vs. SMITH, Transcript, p. 332.

Special Affirmative *Truth-Revealing* answer which Lewis could *not* face. On June 22, 1933, only four days before the trial, Smith's then attorney filed an answer to the amended complaint simply denying the allegations of the same, but LEAVING OUT AND ELIMINATING ENTIRELY FROM THE PLEADINGS SMITH'S SWORN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE—THE TRUTH-REVEALING DEFENSE WHICH LEWIS DARE NOT FACE and did *not* plead the *truth* of Smith's charges against Lewis and AMORC as a defense.[7] This was done entirely without the knowledge of Smith. He went through the trial, believing that the case had been tried on the pleadings, including his *Special Affirmative Defense,* as they stood when the case was transferred[8] to San Jose for trial.

Smith as Well as the Court Was Misled and Overreached

Smith, at all times, had refused to settle the case of AMORC vs. SMITH upon Lewis' terms, and when he received a small part of the money from his then attorney, ostensibly paid by Lewis in settlement of the case of SMITH vs. AMORC, LEWIS and ARAM, Smith was under the impression that it had nothing to do with the case of AMORC vs. SMITH, but in this he was grossly and sadly in error as he later discovered and as we shall clearly see. Lewis paid Fifteen Thousand Dollars, ostensibly in settlement of the case of SMITH vs. AMORC, LEWIS and ARAM (of this amount, Smith received $4,500 and his then attorney received for his fees, $10,500); in reality he paid that substantial sum to settle the case of AMORC vs. SMITH; to have Smith's truth-revealing answer eliminated therefrom; to prevent the truth being proven; to prevent the case being tried on its merits or the real facts developed in evidence; to make a farce out of the trial; for an opportunity to desecrate the Temples of Justice and mislead, deceive and overreach the Court, thereby securing a judicial approval of his fraudulent scheme and a false finding of facts upon which to base his further insidious propaganda, such as his Booklet *"Guilty,"* wherein he tells of the "bad" conspiracy and his magnificent victory over his rivals and the conspirators.

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[7] AMORC vs. SMITH, Transcript, pp. 345 et. seq.
[8] AMORC vs. SMITH, Transcript, pp. 181, 182.

On Wednesday, June 21, 1933, Smith received notice that the case of AMORC vs. SMITH would be tried in San Jose the following Monday.

The Trial Was a Farce, a Travesty on Justice and a Fraud on the Court

The trial was a rushed and hurried affair, with all procedure agreed to and prearranged by the attorneys to give it the plausible appearance of regular proceedings, so as to hide their secret agreements and the real purpose of Lewis' scheme and his vicious designs from the Court, as well as from Smith.

When the case was called for trial on Monday morning, June 26, 1933, Smith's said attorney who was also counsel for his co-defendant, E. E. Thomas, announced in open court that he had not been able to notify Thomas and unless the case was dismissed against Thomas he could not go to trial. The Special Attorney for Lewis readily agreed that no judgment should be taken against Thomas and the case proceeded to trial against Smith as the *sole* and *only* defendant.

The official printed record of this case now on appeal, which we have before us, shows an unusual, strange, confused and queer procedure. In order that we may understand what took place at and after the trial, and see how cleverly Lewis' scheme was worked out so as not to advise the Court or Smith of what was actually happening, explanation of the following matters will be helpful:

Smith was defending on the grounds that what he had said and published about Lewis and AMORC was not libel or slander, because it was *true*. To defend on the grounds of truth, such defense must be affirmatively and specially pleaded, otherwise no evidence of the truth will be heard by the Court, so our attorneys advise us. Originally, he had filed an affirmative answer pleading the truth as his defense. This answer was eliminated in the manipulation of the pleadings by the attorneys, as heretofore pointed out. When Smith undertook to testify to the truth of his charges against Lewis, the testimony was objected to by Lewis' attorney on the grounds that the truth had not been affirmatively pleaded in justification as a defense. The objection was sustained by the Court and *no evidence showing the truth* of Smith's charges against Lewis and AMORC was allowed or permitted to be introduced at

the trial. That was important to Lewis—it was the chief inducement for the *pay-off* of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

Smith's Attorney Made No Defense

Although Smith had made an extensive investigation of Lewis' activities, had corresponded with many persons to ascertain the facts (which correspondence Lewis made the basis of his conspiracy charge), he did not know all the facts of his own knowledge and could testify only to the facts within his knowledge. Therefore, it was necessary to have the witnesses present to testify or to take the written depositions of the witnesses who knew the facts of their own knowledge, but no effort was made by his then attorney to have witnesses present, to take depositions or otherwise to procure the proper evidence to make a real defense in the case—actually no preparations were made to properly present Smith's legal defense.

Smith had in his possession, and available, many documents which under proper pleadings could have been introduced into evidence to prove the truth of his charges against Lewis, but because the truth as an issue and defense had been eliminated from the case by the secret agreements of the attorneys in the manner before shown, those documents were not and could not be introduced as evidence. No real effort was made by Smith's then attorney to properly present his defense in court. His examination of Smith and the presentation of his defense was a ridiculous farce and his cross-examination of Lewis was weak and perfunctory—just enough to give the appearance to the trial of genuineness.

He instructed Smith, when asked about certain matters, to refuse to answer upon the ground that his reply might incriminate him. Smith followed the instructions, put himself in a ridiculous position and gave Lewis the kind of material needed most for propaganda purposes. Note how he took advantage of it in his Propaganda Booklet *"Guilty"* purporting to give an account of the trial and his signal victory which he secured by intrigue at the cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

In the booklet *"Guilty"* on page seven he says:

> ". . . and when questioned as to why *they* made certain statements or wrote certain letters or published certain derogatory comments, the answer was, 'I refuse to answer because my answer may tend to incriminate me of a felony' . . ."

Italics ours.
Not *They* but *He*.

The propaganda booklet *"Guilty"* and the rank misrepresentations set forth therein concerning his "victory" in this case will be considered later. For the present, let us consider why he made three separate payments of Five Thousand Dollars each at certain times and at different important stages of the progress of this case of AMORC vs. SMITH.

When and Why Payments Were Made

Lewis claims that he paid the Fifteen Thousand Dollars in settlement of the *subterfuge suit* of SMITH vs. AMORC, LEWIS and ARAM and that the payment in settlement of that suit had nothing to do with this case. If that were true, why did his Special Attorney make three separate payments? The check for the pay-off was drawn to the order of his Special Attorney for Fifteen Thousand Dollars—for the full amount of the *pay-off*. The manner and the time when the payments were made disprove his claim and show conclusively that the payments were made in relation to and in settlement of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH in accordance with his own scheme *to pay his way out* and to purchase a court victory, a judgment and judicial findings of fact to which he was not justly entitled.

Payment of First Installment

Lewis could not *face the truth*. That was the reason he was *paying his way out*. He had Smith's home raided and secured all of his correspondence; therefore, he knew that Smith was in a position to prove the facts. The first major requirement of his vicious plan and wicked scheme was that Smith's *Affirmative Answer pleading the truth* of his charges against Lewis and his fraudulent enterprise must be eliminated and Smith put in a position where he could not prove the truth of his charges. On June 22, 1933, Smith's then attorney, without his knowledge and contrary

to his instructions, verified and filed an amended answer which completely eliminated his *Affirmative Answer* and made it impossible for Smith to prove the truth of his charges. Lewis had received that for which he had bargained. The truth could not be proven. He would not have to face the facts. So on that same day the first installment of Five Thousand Dollars of the Fifteen Thousand Dollars pay-off was paid to Smith's said attorney for making it impossible for Smith to prove the truth of his charges against Lewis in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH.[9]

Payment of Second Installment

The case, a hurried-up and *prearranged* affair, was tried on June 26, 1933. Smith was notified scarcely in time to arrange his affairs to attend. Thomas, his co-defendant, was not notified. No witnesses were under the process of the court; that is, no witnesses were summoned to appear. Smith's said attorney had made no preparation to properly present his defense. The only witnesses that testified were H. Spencer Lewis, one of his attorneys and Smith—and Smith was not permitted to testify to the truth of his charges against Lewis and his racket. If the case had been properly tried upon *the merits,* under proper pleadings and all the evidence properly introduced, it probably would have taken three or four weeks to try the case. Being an "agreed upon," prearranged and perfunctory affair, it was tried in one day.

The second major requirement of Lewis' master scheme was that he be permitted to have his way at the trial; that he be vindicated and his spurious R. C. Order be adjudged genuine. He introduced such evidence and testified in such manner as he and his attorneys saw fit. Much of the evidence was improperly introduced and much evidence was improperly admitted without objection. Lewis had his way. He got that for which he had bargained. Accordingly, on June 29, 1933, the third day after that farcical and perfunctory trial—that was a travesty on justice and a judicial tragedy—the second installment of Five Thousand Dollars of the Fifteen Thousand Dollars pay-off was paid Smith's said attorney for allowing Lewis to have his way and to get what

[9] Time of Filing Amended Answer, Transcript, pp. 343 to 351. Time of Payment First Installment of Pay-Off, Transcript, p. 184.

he wanted in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH.[1]

Payment of Third Installment

Since he was having his own way—since he was paying for it—since he was experiencing no opposition and it appeared that his scheme was working and so successfully, he decided to take *plenty* while the "taking was good"—even to the extent of demanding his "pound of flesh." So, on July 5, 1933, he filed with the Clerk of the Court, without the consent of the Court and without notice to Smith, a paper said to be a Supplemental Complaint[2] to conform to the proof produced at the trial not covered by the pleadings on which the case was tried. This paper was really filed to make a record and plausible foundation for false findings of fact. On July 14, 1933, the findings of fact and conclusion were presented to the Court and by trickery, as hereafter shown, the judge's approval of false findings of fact was procured.[3]

The Court had been overreached, false findings of fact had become a part of the court records and an unjust and wholly unjustifiable judgment had been entered. Lewis got everything he demanded and *all* that he wanted. His vicious scheme had worked out to perfection. He had received all that for which he had bargained in full and rounded measure—but could he keep it—could he prevent exposure and the loss of the advantage he had bought and for which he was paying Fifteen Thousand Dollars? That was the question—*that was the rub.*

Smith was dissatisfied with the whole proceedings. He was demanding of his said attorney that he appeal the case. He promised Smith to do so, but assured Lewis that there would be no appeal—that he would "stall" Smith off until the time allowed by law for an appeal should have expired. He did exactly that and finally refused to appeal the case, as we shall see.

Lewis took no chances. He intended to be sure—to play safe. Hence he would not make payment in full until the time for an appeal had expired. The time for an appeal did elapse and no appeal had been perfected. Lewis then felt safe and assured that

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[1] Time of Payment, Transcript, p. 181.

[2] Time of Filing, Transcript, p. 342.

[3] Findings of Fact, Transcript, pp. 351 to 371.

his pernicious and vicious scheme had been successful—in fact, a huge success. Accordingly, thereafter on September 28, 1933, the third installment—the final payment of Five Thousand Dollars of the Fifteen Thousand Dollar *Pay-off*—was paid to Smith's said attorney, *in full,* for letting Lewis have his way and get everything he wanted in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH.[4]

The Upset and Exposure

Does anyone believe—can anybody believe—that the trinity of payments aggregating Fifteen Thousand Dollars were paid to settle the *subterfuge case* of SMITH vs. AMORC, LEWIS and ARAM? CERTAINLY NOT! It is as plain as the nose on his face that Lewis paid that substantial sum to save his face; to secure false findings of fact, used in his propaganda pamphlet *"Guilty"*; to secure judicial approval of his fraudulent methods and judicial sanction of a racket, and that the pay-off was made in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH.

But the best laid plans of men and mice often fail just at the moment when success seems assured. That which Lewis had feared —that which had caused him to take the precaution of withholding the last payment until he thought himself safe—did happen. Smith did discover the truth, he did hire another attorney and *did appeal* the case, resulting in the exposure of Lewis' corrupt and vicious scheme. With this appeal, we will deal further on. For the present, let us give further consideration to the shocking scheme of Lewis as revealed by the Court Records.

The Insidious Scheme and Disguised Conspiracy Against Justice Is Revealed

The foregoing facts and circumstances, when placed side by side, put together and added up reveal, clearly and beyond question, the insidious scheme and unconscionable plot to conceal the truth, suppress the facts and cause a miscarriage of justice; to secure judicial sanction of a fraud, and to make the Court an innocent agent in entering false findings as the basis for the most insidious propaganda. Those facts and circumstances also reveal, *crystal-clear,* exactly how the exceedingly clever plot was worked out and

[4] Time of Payment, Transcript, p. 186.

executed in all of its details. Let us summarize. Let us see if this is not true. Let us show that it is true.

The plan—the plot—could not be worked out so well in Kern County—Smith's home. The case must be transferred to Santa Clara County—Lewis' home. This was done and how it was done will be remembered. Smith's affirmative answer, pleading the truth, must be eliminated and he must be put in a position where it would not be possible for him to prove the truth about Lewis. When this was accomplished, Lewis—keen and ever alert for his own protection—would pay $5,000 to prevent the truth from being proved. This was done in the very effective manner above described, and Lewis promptly paid the First Installment of $5,000 as per agreement. He got what he wanted and *then* he paid for it.

Lewis must have his way at the trial; he must be allowed to secure a judgment establishing the Rosicrucian authenticity of AMORC; he must have a decree establishing and finding that a terrible conspiracy existed and was working desperately and wickedly to destroy his fraternal racket; he must have judicial approval and sanction of his fraudulent enterprise and occult swindle; he must have all of these things whether just or right, even though they must be secured by the most culpable deception and the rankest fraud on the Court—even though the damnable plot must be carried out in the name of the Law and made perfect in the Halls of Justice. If and when this was done, Lewis would pay another $5,000. The trial came on—the defense attorney made no preparation for the trial. Smith was not permitted to prove the truth about Lewis. Smith was advised by his then attorney to refuse to answer on the grounds that to do so might incriminate him. He followed the advice; put himself at a ridiculous disadvantage to Lewis's great advantage. Lewis prevailed. He got everything he wanted—all he had bargained for up to that time; so promptly after the trial he paid the Second Installment, another $5,000, as per agreement.

Lewis Took the Pound of Flesh

Having placed Smith's then attorney where he could not properly represent his client and having rendered him helpless, by involving him in the plot and paying him $10,000, Lewis proceeded to take full advantage of the situation in the following manner:

First, through his attorneys, he filed in the clerk's office, after the trial had ended, a document said to be called a "supplemental complaint and amended complaint to conform to proof." It recited that it was filed by leave of Court granted in open court. The record fails to show that the Court ever granted permission to file it. Although it purported to make allegations that would conform to and be in accord with the proof introduced at the trial of the case, as a matter of fact it did nothing of the kind, but proceeded to allege many new and false matters upon which, and in relation to, no proof was introduced at the trial. This was bold and clever trickery. Under the law, Smith was entitled to have a copy of that supplemental complaint served upon him. No such service was made. He knew nothing about it until much later. His then attorney knew all about it. He knew such a complaint was improper and that Lewis had no right to file it. He did nothing about it—did not even protest the injustice and wrong of it all, much less go into Court to protect his client's interest and have it stricken from the records of the Court as by right he could and should have done. But Lewis had tied his hands—he had involved him in the plot—he had Lewis' money in his pocket—so what could he do? He did all he could do—nothing! *Second,* through his attorneys, Lewis caused to be presented to the Court findings of fact, following closely—word for word—almost a replica of the "supplemental complaint and amended complaint to conform to proof" wrongfully and improperly filed as before pointed out. These proposed findings of fact were full of errors, misstatements of facts, contained a mass of matter never mentioned in the trial and upon which no evidence or sustaining proof was offered at the trial.

These proposed findings of fact, which were afterwards signed by the Court and officially made a part of the record in the case, were not then served on Smith; he knew nothing at all about them for some time thereafter. A copy was served upon his then attorney. Upon the receipt of same he became greatly incensed; he realized that he was being grossly imposed upon—that Lewis was taking full advantage of him, so, in the height of his indignation and on the spur of the moment, he wrote a letter to Lewis' Special Attorney with whom he had carried on the negotiations of "settlement." The letter tells a story all its own; another chapter of this sordid plot. It is the wailing of one who has been victimized,

who had not anticipated—or even dared—to suppose that any such unfair advantage would be attempted, much less taken of him; but he had dealt with Lewis, who had involved him in a plot—who had completely disarmed him and who was taking full and awful advantage of him. Shylock was taking his pound of flesh. When he entered into those negotiations, he did not know Lewis—and he did not know that the dice were loaded. When it was too late, he realized his real situation and found it difficult to reconcile himself to it. The complete contents of his letter to Lewis' Special Attorney, as shown by the official record of the case on appeal which tells his sad predicament, is *verbatim,* as follows:

A Telltale Letter

All Italics in This Letter Are Ours.

Findings Incorrect and Objectionable.

"I have at hand a copy of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, which I understand are to be filed in the case therein referred to. I wish to make some very *serious objections* to the form and content of these findings *before agreeing* that they should be filed.

So-Called Findings.

False Findings Supported by No Proof.

"Never in the brief practice of law which I have enjoyed have I ever been more *surprised* and *amused* with the content of a *purported legal* document. *These so-called Findings* contain statements which I never heard of, *statements which I am positive were never mentioned in the trial* of this case. I talked to Mr. Mason relative to some of the statements therein and he agrees with me that there was absolutely *no testimony to back up a number of the statements.* The purpose of these findings appear to me to be *grossly abused,* as it seems to contain a *mass of extraneous statements* put in for the *purpose of subsequent propaganda. I do not see how any judge having heard the case could sign these Findings as being true and correct.*

Purpose of Propaganda. Imposition on the Judge.

False Statement Case Dismissed

"Inasmuch as you actively tried the case your name should appear as an attorney of record on the top of the pleadings. Beginning on line 31, page 1, and continuing to line 9, page 2, there is set out a statement relative to the dismissal of the case against E. E. Thomas. I do not remember any stipulation being entered into, there was some conversation be-

as to Thomas.

tween the attorneys, but as I remember the *ultimate action taken* was simply a request that the *case as to E. E. Thomas be dismissed.* Beginning at lines 19 to 32 on page 2, there is a statement alleged to have been made by plaintiff's attorney's relative to the ability of George L. Smith to respond in pecuniary damages. I remember *no evidence* being presented to the Court of statement made relative to the financial standing of George L. Smith or any of the co-conspirators. These and the above-referred-to *statements are undoubtedly incorrect* statements, but I do not wish to make any point as to them. At the top of page 3, lines 2, 3 and 4, is *another statement without any basis of fact.* It says that a mass of correspondence consisting of some *one thousand letters* or copies of letters were presented to and received by the court. This is absolutely erroneous. There was *only a small handful of letters introduced into evidence.* By no stretch of the imagination can this be increased to cover one thousand. I see no *basis or reason* for inserting *such an inaccurate statement* into the Findings. Under the Findings of Fact at I we have no objection, the same for II; but in III at lines 12 and 13 I remember no statement that the brotherhood *came into being in Ancient Egypt;* on the contrary, *Dr. Lewis under cross-examination said there was no history of the Rosicrucian organization past the Middle Ages, and would not commit himself as I endeavored to do so, saying there was ancient history to his organization,* as he well knew that we could introduce any standard encyclopedia to disprove his statement. As to the rest of III I have no objection. The same for IV. In V we find *another statement which is not based on any evidence.* At lines 7, 8 and 9 in paragraph V there is a statement that the buildings and equipment represent an investment of over $400,000. I clearly remember that Dr. Lewis said that it was between $200,000 to $300,000. I fail to understand why there is such a *repetition of these inaccurate statements.* The rest of V is satisfactory.

Another False Statement Supported by No Proof.

Some More Propaganda Matter and False Statements.

No Basis for Inaccurate Statements.

AMORC Not Ancient.

No History of Rosicrucians Past the Middle Ages.

Another False Statement Without Proof.

Repetition of Inaccurate Statements.

"In paragraph VI there is no evidence to support

No Supporting Testimony.

the statement therein contained that the Defendant, George L. Smith, together with other parties were given ceremonials, rituals and other confidential information. There is no testimony that Alfred Saunders or E. E. Thomas were expelled from the order because of conduct unbecoming a member of the order.

No Testimony. So-Called Conspiracy.

"In paragraph VII, there is *no testimony* relative to Mrs. Heindel, Albert Smythe or W. P. Pease *in any so-called conspiracy*. As to the rest of paragraph VII I have no objections.

The Findings Should Be Only to Smith and Not to Others Not Parties.

"In paragraph VIII there is *no testimony* that the statements made by the *other so-called conspirators* were false and defamatory. The Findings [should] refer only to statements made by George L. Smith as far as the findings of this Court are concerned. There is [should be] no finding of this Court that the statements made by these other people were published maliciously and falsely. It was not an issue before the Court whether or not the statements made by other people were true or not. *George L. Smith was the only defendant,* and the *Court was concerned only with the statements made by him.* On page 8, lines 18 to 21, there is *no evidence* introduced relative to whether or not plaintiff order had anything to do with the *Masonic fraternity*. This is merely an attempt on the part of the plaintiff to get a judicial statement to *cover up a former difficulty*. In line 22 there is made mention of jewels. Never in the course of the trial was there any evidence in regard to jewels. In line 28 in regard to whether or not H. Spencer Lewis was refused membership in the Masonic fraternity, I again say that there was *no evidence* as to whether he was or was not a member of the Masonic fraternity, or that he was expelled or blackballed. These statements are completely without finding of the record, and *any disinterested person examining the record would immediately see that these Findings of Fact in their present form were being used simply as an attempt to gain judicial approval for a lot of unsubstantiated matter.* On page 9, the question as to whether or not H. Spencer Lewis

Smith the Only Defendant.

An Attempt to Cover up Masonic Difficulties. No Evidence on Jewels.

No Evidence That Lewis Was Blackballed by Masons.

Taking an Advantage of the Court.

No Evidence on the Matters.

was ever arrested was *not an issue* of this case and *never mentioned.* On the same page the statement regarding bonds is entirely uncalled for, as there was *no statement or evidence* relative to any bonds.

False Findings Without Proof.

There is *no evidence* regarding the difficulty with the prohibition agents, or in regard to any church therein mentioned. On page 10, there was *no evidence* relative to the use of names of fictitious and non-existing persons. In regard to the statement therein contained between lines 20 and 22 on page 10, there was *never any evidence* introduced relative to the removal of plaintiff order from Florida, or that plaintiff order was to be prosecuted because of fraudulent use of the mails as set out in lines 23 to 25. There is *no evidence* as to any investigation being made of plaintiff organization.

No Evidence to Support Findings.

No Evidence to Support Many of the Findings of Fact.

There is *no evidence* on which to base the statements contained on page 10, between lines 28 to 32; there is *no statement in the evidence* regarding whether George L. Smith was a linotype operator. The *statement* regarding Stanley Daines as being carried on the charity rolls in Calgary *is absurd.* There is *absolutely no evidence or statement* in regard to Mr. Daines as to what he does, and any offer of any such evidence would immediately have been objected to and not allowed in the record. The same as to Alfred Saunders and the statement that he was gainfully occupied telling fortunes.

Shows the Advantage Lewis Took of the Court.

This shows that this document is not being used for facts as found by the Court, but simply to contain a lot of extraneous statements not based on fact or evidence.

The Judge Should Be Surprised.

"There is *no evidence* that E. E. Thomas was a railroad brakeman. I am sure that *Judge James would be surprised as to these Findings of Fact.* The rest of page 11 is subject to the same objection.

"In paragraph IX there was no finding or statement by the Court regarding the filing of any document in this case. There was no statement and the record does not support the statement contained in lines 10 and 11 that the Answer was withdrawn.

Practically All Statements in

There is no evidence that any booklet was printed or circulated containing the so-called Amended An-

Paragraph IX Are False.

swer in furtherance of any conspiracy. There was no finding or statement that said Amended Answer was not a proper pleading or that it was filed in bad faith. Such a statement as contained in paragraph IX necessarily puts me in the classification of an attorney practicing in bad faith and taking an opportunity to abuse the process of the Court. The Amended Answer was never stricken from the records and is still a part of the records.

So-Called Conspirators. No Evidence.

Imposing on Court.

"In paragraph X, I am not satisfied as to the statement that the other so-called conspirators cannot respond in pecuniary damages. There was *no testimony or evidence* in regard to the financial standing of these so-called conspirators. This is another very obvious attempt to have the Court give its official sanction to a number of extraneous statements.

Incorrect.

"In regard to Paragraph I of the Conclusions of Law, this is, of course, absolutely incorrect, as the Court did not say the plaintiff was entitled to a judgment as prayed for, but on the contrary very clearly said in accordance with the testimony of Dr. Lewis that the judgment would be given only in the sum of One ($1.00) Dollar and that a restraining order might also be granted.

Cannot Understand Why Such a Document Filled with so Many False Statements Was Prepared by a Good Lawyer.

"I am sure that you have had nothing to do with the construction of these Findings. An attorney who has practiced before the Bar as long as you and with the well-deserved reputation of dictating concise and brief pleadings would never *ramble on at such length* and *include so many extraneous* and *incorrect, unsupported statements as found in this document.* I am sure that if you were consulted that you would set down on a few legal sheets of paper correct and concise statements of what you wish to state, and that such a statement would be correct and adequate in every respect for the purposes in this case." (*Transcript on Appeal,* pp. 760 to 765.)

When Protest Should Have Been Made None Was Made

Smith's said attorney, the author of the foregoing letter, was present when Lewis' attorney presented the findings of fact to the Court for approval and signature. In presenting them to the Court, Lewis' attorney stated that the findings were rather broad and might not be supported by the evidence. The Judge stated that he would have to rely on the defendant's attorney to point out in what particular or in what way the findings to be made were incorrect, otherwise he would allow and sign the findings of fact as presented. The then attorney for Smith was mute. Although he had vigorously protested and pointed out to Lewis' Special Counsel many inaccuracies and fatal faults with the finding in his letter above quoted—yet when he should have acted for his client and assisted the Court by presenting to the Judge the matters referred to in his letter, heretofore quoted, *he was mute.* Then and there a great injustice was done, a fraud was worked upon the Court and false findings of fact were entered upon the records of a Court of Justice.

Having secured everything for which he had bargained, except that there should be no appeal, and to make doubly sure that nothing should happen that would divest him of his vested rights in chicanery and fraud, he withheld the last and final payment until the time had expired (or until he thought that the time had expired) within which an appeal could have been perfected. The final payment was not made until the 28th day of September, 1933, more than 60 days after judgment was entered in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH, at which time no appeal had been perfected. Under ordinary circumstances, an appeal could not have been taken in this cause because Smith's then attorney had failed to have the transcript prepared and to take the necessary action to perfect an appeal within the time allowed by law. Hence Lewis felt perfectly safe in paying *in full* and also in having issued his false, scandalous and calumniatory booklet under the title of *"Guilty,"* purporting to be based upon the findings of fact and the false record made in this case, which false findings were not truly reported, but greatly exaggerated and further falsified.

This Is Not an Ordinary but an Extraordinary Case

Ordinarily when the usual time for an appeal has passed in California, no appeal can be taken thereafter. This, as we have seen or will see, was a most extraordinary case. It is extremely doubtful that the records of any court in any civilized land record and reveal such bold and clever scheming, concealed double-dealing, unconscionable, overreaching and deliberate fraud practiced on a party litigant and *on the court,* as is revealed by the Court Records in this case.

In such cases as this, where there has been a gross and abortive miscarriage of Justice, an appeal may be allowed by the trial court upon proper application being made under section 473 of the Code of Civil Procedure of California. Such an application was made and an appeal was granted, much to the surprise, bewilderment and chagrin of the master schemer who had paid well, but who had failed to take into account the fact that the blind Goddess of Justice might sense the right and weigh truly in spite of all his cleverness.

Those who use loaded dice in the courts, who scheme well, must also execute well and comply with the rules of the game; that is, the minor details of legal procedure.

It appears that Lewis, in his hurry to get his so-called "supplemental Complaint and amended complaint to conform to proof" filed—to be used as the basis of a false findings of fact unsupported by proof—failed to serve a copy of the same on Smith. This was only a minor detail—a trivial matter; besides he had paid for his right to deceive the Court and others—yet the failure to serve a copy of that paper on Smith was a fatal omission and *the appeal was granted.*

How Smith's Eyes Were Opened

Smith had made a searching investigation of Lewis and knew that he was an adept at deception, but he could not conceive of his being able to overreach the Court. Even though he was unaccustomed to court procedure, he realized that there was something wrong with the trial. When judgment was rendered in favor of Lewis, he knew that the right had not prevailed and that justice had not been done. He instructed his then attorney to appeal the

case, the attorney agreed to do so, and later did file a notice of appeal, but did nothing further and let the time elapse.

On September 13, 1933, a copy of the findings of fact were served upon Smith and later a copy of Lewis' pamphlet *"Guilty"* came into his hands. His eyes were completely opened. He understood all. He inquired of his then attorney about the appeal. He insisted that the attorney proceed with the appeal and protect his rights. The attorney could not do that because he had bargained that there would be no appeal, and when he failed to persuade Smith to abandon his ideas about appealing the case, he refused to represent him in such appeal. Smith hired and substituted another attorney to appeal the case. The appeal was perfected and is now pending before the Supreme Court of California. Lewis used every possible dilatory method to prevent the perfection of the appeal in the trial court and, when it was perfected, he made a motion in the Supreme Court to dismiss it; the motion was overruled. Despite the long delay and ceaseless efforts of Lewis to prevent justice, we have an abiding faith that justice will yet be done; that the right will prevail, and the truth will become known by all.

Lewis Admitted Findings Were Wrong

Confesses Overreaching the Court

Finally, when compelled to answer to the merits of the Case on Appeal in the Supreme Court of California, Lewis was forced to admit, because it was true, and did admit, through his attorneys in their brief filed on his behalf, that a number of the findings of fact entered of record by the trial Judge and made at his request were *entirely wrong* and *without any evidence to support them.* His attorneys, on his behalf, stipulated and agreed that those findings should be stricken from the record. They also stated to the Court in their brief that several other findings were immaterial and should be disregarded and ignored by the Supreme Court in deciding the case.

By those *admissions* filed in the Supreme Court *Lewis confessed* that he had overreached the Trial Court and practiced fraud on the Judge when he secured his signature by chicanery to those false findings of fact.

Those findings of fact which were stricken from the record, because they were wrong, upon his admission and the stipulation of his attorneys, will be considered later. It is sufficient at this time and in connection herewith to note his said *admission and confession.* Those findings, admitted to be wrong, relating to the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim (clandestine in the U. S. A.) will be discussed at length in Part One of Chapter Four in dealing with Masonic frauds; and those findings, ALSO ADMITTED TO BE WRONG, to the effect that the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC was and now is the sole and only established, recognized and functioning supreme authority in North America of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, as well as all references to Lewis' alleged Rosicrucian authority, will be considered in Chapter Five in dealing with his spurious and contradictory claims of alleged Rosicrucian authority for his fraternal racket. The other false findings will be considered in connection with appropriate subject matter as we proceed.

The Guilty Pamphlet

As before briefly noted, when Lewis felt sure that his conspiracy against justice and his rank fraud on the Court had succeeded; after he had secured an unjust judgment by double-dealing trickery, and secured a judicial Findings of Fact which were untrue and not supported by evidence, through subtle chicanery and circumventing fraud for propaganda purposes, it was then that he "stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum and said what a good boy am I" and handed it to an amazed public in the form of a little scurrilous pamphlet entitled *"Guilty,"* purporting to be an account of thirteen years of vilification and of his amazing judicial victory against "the conspirators" in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH.

For puffed-up arrogance; for plausible falsehood; for distorted facts; for false implications; for twisted and crooked conclusions; for deliberate intention to mislead; for willful cunning and craft deception; for exaggerated statements and absolutely false claims concerning the trial and result of the case of AMORC vs. SMITH and as a well-camouflaged bit of cleverly designed and artfully constructed deceptive propaganda in aid of and to conceal twenty years of multifarious fraud and to perpetuate a unique swindle—the *"Guilty"* pamphlet is without equal.

Just a Lemon

The "plum" that the Imperator pulled out of his "Judicial Victory" was not a plum at all—it was only a "lemon." Let us take a brief look at this ugly little pamphlet *"Guilty"* and its contents. On page 2 we find the following statement conspicuously headlined:

> "A VICTORY AGAINST CONSPIRATORS
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> "The Rosicrucian Brotherhood, known throughout the world as AMORC, wins its court action against the false, injurious actions of—
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> R. Swinburne Clymer,
> Philosophical Publishing Co., Pennsylvania;
> Mrs. Max Heindel,
> Rosicrucian Fellowship, California;
> Albert E. Smythe,
> Theosophical Publisher, Canada;
> Alfred H. Saunders,
> Story Writer, New York;
> Miss Myrtle Crane, Stanley Daines, E. E. Thomas,
> W. P. Pease and George L. Smith."

He claims that the individuals above named entered into a conspiracy to injure his business and to defame his good name. Concerning these so-called "conspirators," he makes many false statements in the pamphlet *"Guilty."* It will be sufficient to notice and reply to the following:

Presented in a False Light

Smith Was the Only Defendant. Italics Ours.

"Although each and every one of the conspirators was named in the complaint and should have put in appearance at the trial or had legal representation to defend himself, *only one* leading conspirator, George L. Smith, appeared for trial***

Proof of the Truth and the Facts Was Not Allowed.

"In spite of the fact that the conspirators claimed to have proof of every statement they had made in their attacks, and claimed that they would welcome a court inquiry, *they were unable to bring even a single scrap of paper before the court* as evidence

No One Was Questioned Except Smith.

of any one of the charges made by them, and when questioned as to why *they* made certain statements or wrote certain letters or published certain derogatory comments, the answer was, 'I refuse to answer because my answer may tend to incriminate me of felony.' Their boasted readiness to prove their charges against the Brotherhood, and their willingness to stand by every statement they had made in the twelve years of attack, was entirely lacking during the trial."[5]

Those statements of Lewis, as well as the entire contents of his *"Guilty"* pamphlet, present the case of AMORC vs. SMITH and the trial of the case *in an absolutely false light.* There is not a single statement or any of the inferences made in the above quoted excerpts that is true. They are altogether false and wholly misleading. What are the facts—what is the truth?

The Facts and the Truth

In the first place, neither R. Swinburne Clymer, Mrs. Max Heindel, Albert E. Smythe, Alfred H. Saunders, Miss Myrtle Crane, Stanley Daines nor W. P. Pease was a party to this suit. This was a Libel Suit, brought by Lewis in the corporate name of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, plaintiff, against George L. Smith and E. E. Thomas, defendants. Aside from Smith and Thomas, there were no other party defendants. Thomas was dismissed from the suit, leaving Smith as the only defendant. The theory of the plaintiff's case was that Smith and Thomas, who formerly had been members of a subsidiary body of the plaintiff, had conspired with certain named parties to injure the plaintiff and diminish its revenues, etc. To sustain our statement, we quote a part of paragraph VIII of plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, upon which the case was tried, shown on page 327 of the Transcript on Appeal of AMORC vs. SMITH, as follows:

> "Defendants severed their membership in Plaintiff's order and thereafter associated themselves with Alfred Saunders, one *John Doe Clymer,* Myrtle Crane, Stanley Daines and others, and these defendants, together with

[5] "Guilty," pp. 6, 7.

said persons, formed and effected a conspiracy for the purpose of injuring the plaintiff, diminishing its revenues and otherwise inflicting loss on the plaintiff."

It appears from Mr. Lewis' own pleadings in the case that R. Swinburne Clymer was not even named as one of the persons with whom Smith and Thomas, the defendants, were alleged to have formed a conspiracy. Instead he uses a "legal fiction" or a fictitious name and charges that they associated themselves with *"one John Doe Clymer."* Was he afraid to use the real name?

It also appears that Mrs. Max Heindel, Albert E. Smythe and W. P. Pease were not named as forming a part of the alleged conspiracy and no evidence was introduced during the trial to show that they had any connection therewith. The naming of these parties was an afterthought—thought of after Lewis had paid Ten Thousand Dollars on his Fifteen Thousand Dollar *Pay-off* and after he saw that he could force Smith's then attorney to permit him to write into the Court Findings of Fact any false fact that pleased his fancy or served his purpose.

Only Smith Attended Trial

The only person present at the trial, of the persons named by Lewis as before set forth, was the Defendant, George L. Smith, as we have shown. He was only notified of the trial 3 or 4 days in advance. His co-defendant, Thomas, was not notified and was not given an opportunity to be present and testify. When the case was called, Lewis, through his counsel, agreed in open court that the case should be dismissed as to Thomas, or that no judgment should be taken against him. Perhaps that was designingly planned and carefully prearranged. Indeed it is most likely that Lewis did not want Thomas present to testify and to tell that which he knew of his own knowledge about Lewis and his swindling enterprise. No doubt he knows entirely too much. It will be recalled that Lewis had previously sued Thomas in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County. In the trial of that case, in which Lewis was unable to pay off—which was being tried, without trickery, upon the law and the facts—upon the merits—things got so hot and uncomfortable for Lewis that he dismissed the suit before it had scarcely gotten under full headway and *ran away*. As we have heretofore remarked, he cannot—he will not—face the facts.

He always pays or runs away.

The trial was such a hurried-up affair that even if we had desired to appear at the trial and testify it would have been impossible for us to have reached California in time. As a matter of fact, we knew nothing about the case having been tried until after the event. Mrs. Max Heindel lives in California. She was not notified. Alfred H. Saunders lives in New York, Miss Myrtle Crane lives in Detroit, Stanley Daines, Albert Smythe and W. P. Pease live in Canada; none of them was notified of the date of the trial or given any opportunity to appear at the trial of this case or given an opportunity to produce testimony and evidence of the truth of the charges they had made against Lewis, his fraudulent enterprise and fraternal racket.

And if they had been present, they could not have testified—they would not have been permitted to testify or to have produced any documents, evidence or proof of the truth of their charges against Lewis—because Lewis had paid Five Thousand Dollars and had promised to pay, and did afterwards pay, Ten Thousand Dollars more to make it impossible for the truth to be proven.

And then he has the brazen audacity and effrontery to make and publish the statement that "although each and every one of the conspirators was named in the complaint and should have put in an appearance at the trial, *** only one leading conspirator, George L. Smith, appeared for the trial. *** In spite of the fact that the conspirators claimed to have proof of every statement they had made in their attacks, and claimed they would welcome a court inquiry, *they were unable* to bring even a single scrap of paper before the court as evidence of any one of the charges made by them."

What a magnificent and ready liar! Ye gods, what a liar!! In his august and imperialistic presence, ANANIAS, the king of Liars, dwindles into insignificance and blushes for shame!!!

The Truth Cannot Be Entirely Hidden

There is always some truth that gets mixed in with the false and untrue. His statement that "they *were unable* to bring a single scrap of paper before the court as evidence of any one of the charges made by them" *is true*. Mr. Lewis saw to that. He made it absolutely impossible for Smith or anyone else at that trial

to prove the truth about himself or his racket—even though it was necessary to commit a fraud on the Court at a cost of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

A Fair Sample

If space would permit we could take up each statement contained in the *"Guilty"* pamphlet and show that the facts are garbled so as to give an altogether false impression; that it is filled with misstatements and plausible deception, and that, on the whole, *the pamphlet is altogether untrue and wholly misleading.*

In this connection, we quote from the statement of a former Grand Officer of the Lewis organization. Until recently, he was very close to Lewis, was on the inside and *should know* the facts.

Testimony from the Inside

Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, who was the Grand Treasurer of AMORC during the time the Smith case was tried and when the pamphlet *"Guilty"* was issued, after stating that Lewis requested his resignation when he refused to commit perjury and swear falsely for Lewis, in a letter written to Lewis on April 5, 1935, and later published, in commenting on the Smith trial and the booklet *"Guilty,"* said to and of Lewis:

Italics Ours.

Is Generally Known in San Jose.

Account of Trial False.

"At the conclusion of the trial against Smith and others in June, 1933, you used the pages of the Forum and Digest and spent the funds of the order to print the booklet *Guilty,* and distributed it to the members, telling them of *the great victory.* You did not tell them that you *had not dared to face your accuser in Court* and *escaped the ordeal* by bribing him for $15,000 which you paid from the funds of the order. Nor have you informed the members that this bribery has become a stench and a scandal in this community.

"Your account to the members as to what transpired at this trial (which you had previously bought out by bribery) and what evidence was introduced is false and untrue.

"You have not informed the members that the attorney who served the order for five years, re-

> signed and refused to any longer be connected in any official capacity when he learned of this bribery."

We do not know Mr. Batchelor; we have never received any communication from him. We have never "conspired" with him. We quote his statement because he was in a position to know and it is evident that he did know whereof he spoke. However, we do not believe that Lewis bribed anybody. He is entirely too subtle for that. Mr. Batchelor has used the wrong word. By clever scheming and expert manipulation, Lewis *paid off* and thus escaped the *ordeal* of facing the *truth.*

The Only Conspiracy

The only conspiracy that existed in or that had any relation to the case of AMORC vs. SMITH was the willful and designing conspiracy of the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Fraud against Justice.[8] The only "conspiracy" against Lewis, his fraternal racket and wicked swindle that has existed as conjured up by him, set forth and described in his *White (?) Book D* and the "Guilty" booklet, is a fiction, a creature of his own distorted imagination; it is his *Great Conspiracy Bugaboo*, to which he gives a plausible *prima facie* appearance by citing and discussing the co-operative acts of his former attorney, officers, members and others to investigate his family racket and their exposure of a fraternal fraud and a wicked swindle which was *not* and is *not* conspiracy at all, either in fact or in the eyes of the law. It is not conspiracy, as we have said before, for several persons to act jointly in investigating a fraud nor for one or more, acting individually or jointly, to expose a swindle. Therefore, the only "conspiracy" that has existed or now exists against Lewis, his racketeering in the name of brotherly love and his fraternal swindle, is the *Nemesis* of his haunting fears —*the goddess of retribution and retributive justice*—and his "GREAT CONSPIRACY BUGABOO," WHICH HE IS ATTEMPTING TO USE AS A SHIELD TO PROTECT A PERVERSE OCCULT FRAUD AND WICKED FRATERNAL SWINDLE.

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[8] We have taken the precaution to have all of our statements in this chapter and in this book relating to legal matters carefully checked and edited by able, well-known and highly reputed lawyers who are members of the August Fraternity. Therefore, all such statements are believed to be accurate and correct.

CHAPTER TWO

THE ANCIENT DEVICE OF CONFUSION AS A DEVICE TO ESCAPE THE TRUTH

In Chapter I we disposed of *The Conspiracy and the Plot*; that is to say, the Lewis "Conspiracy Bugaboo," to which he devotes several pages (6 to 11) in his Book of Deception.[1] In the same book, pages 16 to 37 both inclusive, under conspicuous headlines reading: THE ANSWERS TO THE FALSE CHARGES, he sets forth fourteen charges, numbered from 1 to 14 both inclusive, hand-picked, restated and distorted to suit his convenience. In his introductory remarks to the *alleged* answers to what he calls the "false charges," he says:

> "Herewith follows a brief summary of the principal charges falsely made by Mr. Clymer in terms and phrases deliberately twisted and distorted to read to the public with the utmost disadvantage to AMORC and intended to be injurious to the organization and its administrators."

From which it appears that his alleged or so-called "answers" are to the charges made by us. The reader should keep this fact in mind as we examine these remarkable "answers" in this chapter and throughout this book. Let it be remembered that he is attempting to answer our charges. If this is kept in mind as these answers are considered, the tricky plausibility and crafty devices employed will become self-evident, as the alleged "answers" are shown to be subterfuges that fail utterly to answer any of our minor or incidental charges, which he attempts or purports to answer, while he skillfully ignores the *real*, the *serious* and the *basic* charges and the proof of those basic charges.

In this chapter we will consider Lewis' alleged "answers" to his own distorted and twisted statements of the charges which he has numbered One, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen.[2] In refuting completely these so-called "answers"

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[1] *White Book D.*

[2] The remaining "charges" as distorted and misstated by Lewis will receive due attention in the following chapters in connection with the subject matter of each chapter.

we shall study the clever arts and cunning methods employed by a resourceful Master of plausible devices, specious subterfuges and bewildering camouflage. As a matter of fact, he attempts to answer very few of the minor and incidental matters relating to our *basic* charges, but devotes most of his Book of Deception to answering (?) charges made by Mr. H. Leon Batchelor, the former Grand Treasurer of his Grand Lodge, most of which he cunningly attributes to Clymer, "a rival," the outward head and Supreme Grand Master of the Authentic Rosicrucian Order in America.

Muddy Water—Confusion

The Advice of a Cunning Debater

The wanton and shyster advice of an experienced and crafty debater on the high art of debating and the methods of winning an argument or contest *despite the facts* find an appropriate setting here. He said: "When the facts are on your side, forcibly present the facts; that should be sufficient. When your facts are doubtful or against you, find some immaterial controversial side issue and bear down on it; exaggerate its importance; create as much confusion and doubt as possible. And when you have neither favorable facts nor plausible argument, then ridicule, bemean and incriminate the other side—criticize everything they do, everything they say and the way they say it—impugn their motives, charge malicious intent—muddy the water and, in your own slime, you may escape an adverse decision. Now remember, it requires little art to present the facts—to argue that which is true; the real and subtle art, that makes excellent debaters, that saves you when confronted with truth and in real difficulty, is the art of using manifold methods of plausible deception and the ability to win against all odds and contrary to the truth and all the facts."

The Great Deceiver in Action

Follows Advice of the Cunning Debater

"Dr." Lewis, having set up his smokescreen of a unanimous convention and committees which he used as his specially designed and cleverly constituted mouthpiece,[3] and having muddied the

[3] This will be considered and the smokescreen will be lifted in Chapter Six.

waters and created confusion generally in a much ado about the *great conspiracy* against AMORC, he then proceeds—in rare form and with all his subtle arts of intricate and plausible deception—to set up, restate, misstate, confuse or state most favorably to himself a few of the charges more or less incidental to the basic charges and proceeds to answer them in his own inimical and inimitable way with all the arts and tricks of his trade.

Dodges the Main Issue

Discusses Cabbages—and Kings—and Other Things

It may be noted in passing that he very carefully and discreetly ignores and artfully dodges the main issue, which is the fraudulent nature of his fraternal racket, and selects only a few incidental matters of relative unimportance and such side issues as he evidently believes he can, with his deceptive arts and plausible presentation, turn to his advantage. With much ado, with clever cunning, with falsified evidence and false statements he proceeds to answer (?) the "charges" so selected. And then summarily disposed of the *real charges*—the charges that he cannot meet, except with manufactured evidence—the truth that he dare not face, by the simple expediency of having *"the committees"* find that there is nothing to it anyway,[4] and the *"unanimous convention"* vote its approval.

Like the charming young lady who went out to swim, he hung his clothes upon a limb, but didn't go near the water. However, inasmuch as the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering has elected to sidestep and avoid the *real* issue and the *serious basic charges,* by insisting like the Walrus in *Alice in Wonderland,* that:

> " 'The time has come,' the Walrus said,
> 'To talk of many things:
> Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
> Of cabbages—and Kings—
> And why the sea is boiling hot—
> And whether pigs have wings.' "

Therefore, we will discuss, in this chapter, some of the imma-

[4] Note carefully his disposition of "other charges," page 21 of *White Book D.*

terial things, some of the subterfuges and contrivances of evasion used by this artful dodger to cast a cloud of confusion about his mystic swindle—not that such immaterial matters are important, but to further expose and make clear the despicable methods of this Master *Profundis* of plausible chicanery, magical confusion and bewildering duplicity.

Number One

An Unimportant Side Issue

Under the headline *The Answers to the False Charges* he states charge *Number One* as follows:

> "Clymer claims that the first Rosicrucians to come to America did not come in 1694, but that Mr. Randolph established the first Rosicrucian foundation in America in the Nineteenth Century."[5]

He devotes more space to answering this "false charge" than any other and charges us with misquoting and deliberately distorting a quotation from Sachse's Book, one of the writers dealing with the *German Pietists of Pennsylvania,* because we had inserted in the quotation in brackets our own interpretation of its meaning. The quotation referred to was faithfully and correctly made. Mr. Lewis knew that the insertion of explanatory matter in brackets in a quotation is common and proper practice; he reveals his own desperation and presumes upon the ignorance of the public in raising such a petty question.

In this connection, he also reproduces as his "Exhibits Nos. 4 and 5" two full-page cuts from the book by Sachse of certain charts, parts of an alleged Rosicrucian Manuscript found among the effects of one of the deceased German Pietists who settled in Eastern Pennsylvania in 1694, from which he argues at some length, with some skill—but without logic or reason—that he has presented conclusive proof that these people were Rosicrucians and that they established the First R. C. Order in America.

No Proof at All

The finding of Rosicrucian charts and a secret manuscript in the

[5] *White Book D,* p. 16.

possession of the descendants of one of the early *German Pietists,* of the large colonies and settlements of Moravians, Zionists, Baptists, Lutherans, Boeheuertes, Mennonites, Philadelphians, and other mystic and religious sets, that settled in Eastern Pennsylvania in the Seventeenth Century, many of which still exist, *does not prove* that any or all of such sects were Rosicrucians or that they or any of them organized and instituted the first Rose Cross Lodge or Order in America. The only logical and reasonable deduction that may be made for said fact and circumstance, namely: that a secret Rosicrucian Manuscript was found in the Nineteenth Century in the possession of the descendants of *one* of the early *German Pietists,* is that there may have been *one,* or even a few, Rosicrucians among the many men and women of those mystic and religious sects. On the other hand, it may prove nothing more than that a secret Rosicrucian Manuscript was wrongfully in the possession of one who did not understand its symbolical meaning and who was not a Rosicrucian. Therefore, the "proof" offered by Lewis does not sustain his contention. It is only a plausible pretext—a mere subterfuge to confuse and confound.

We have heretofore, at different times, and especially in our Brochure THE MASTERS AMONG MEN, issued in 1933, discussed this question, somewhat at length. Therefore it need not be discussed here. However, there were real Rosicrucians who came to America in the Colonial days, who formed the First American Council in the Revolutionary period,[6], but they were not the Lewistonian mythical Rosicrucians of 1694.

In Evasion of Serious Charges

Argues Contrary to His Own Admissions

Because there are some books from which he may quote and some misconstrued or misunderstood facts that give plausibility to his arguments, he has, with all his skill and cleverness, seized upon this question as a means of diverting attention from the real issues and as a ruse to escape facing the truth of the basic charge that his so-called R. C. Order is spurious and operated as a fraternal swindle. We do not propose to make effective his crafty methods

[6] See Book I of *Volume I* for a discussion of the First American Rosicrucian Council, also *Volume I,* pp. 133, 185.

by following him into an extended argument on a side issue; upon a matter that is purely academic and that has no real bearing upon the essential question at issue, and thus assist him in escaping the *real*—the *basic*—charges, by giving importance to this relatively unimportant matter.

It is unimportant because: Neither the Randolph Foundation of the Authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America nor Lewis' fabricated, spurious R. C. Order claims authority and authenticity from or connection with those German Pietists of Eastern Pennsylvania. Lewis has *admitted* and *conceded* that there was no such connection and that the AMORC of today is not a descendant of the group that came to America in 1694. We present a *fac-simile* reproduction of a question asked on this very subject and answered by Lewis on page 109, of the May issue, 1927, of the *Mystic Triangle,* his then official organ, as follows:

Q.—I have read in some literature recently that the early Rosicrucians, who established a community school near Philadelphia in 1694, were the founders of another present Rosicrucian Order in this country. Is this true?

A.—The community of Rosicrucians to which you refer existed from 1694 until 1801 and then disbanded in accordance with an Ancient decree by which all Rosicrucian branches remain in open, public activity one hundred and eight years and then retire into absolute silence for another one hundred and eight years. The community did disband in 1801, and the members kept to themselves the practices and teachings in their private lives without initiating any others. Many of the buildings are still standing in the district of that community and have been visited by our members. One hundred and eight years after 1801, the Imperator of our Order went to France and received authority to start again the Rosicrucian work in America. And the result of his visit to Europe is the present Rosicrucian Order known as AMORC; but the AMORC of today is not a descendant of the group that came to America in 1694. There is no other organization in this country that is a descendant of that first group in America. Any such claim is either misleading, or you misunderstood what was said.

There never was such a decree.

Ephrata--Seventh day Baptists.

France, Egypt, Germany--Which ?????????????

A Lewistonian Stratagem

A Plausible Pretext to Confuse

Now, Lewis' *disclaimer* and *admission* of 1927 should and does settle the question. The statements and argument made in his alleged and pretentious answer to charge *"Number One"* are a plausible pretext to confuse and divert attention from our *serious, essential* and *basic* charge that his spurious R. C. Order is a fraudulent enterprise and a wicked fraternal swindle. Whether there were or were not Rosicrucians among the Pietists or whether such fact is established and proven by Julius Sachse's Book, Arthur Edward Waite or any other authority is unimportant and beside the question in view of his *admission,* that: *"AMORC of today is not a descendant of that group that came to America in 1694."* All of his argument is in vain and without value. Even if it were a fact that the *German Pietists* of 1694 established the first Rosicrucian Order in America—which, of course, is not the case—it would not prove that his fraudulent R. C. Order is authentic or that his fraternal swindle is justified; rather otherwise, because on his own admission AMORC *is not a descendant of the German Pietists of 1694.* Besides, he does not like the "Dutch"—the Dutch farmers and printers of Pennsylvania, as we shall see in the next chapter.

Number Five

Twisted to Suit His Convenience

Under *Number Five*[7] Lewis twists and states his own charge after this fashion:

> "Clymer further charges that the title 'Imperator' used by H. Spencer Lewis was invented by Crowley and never used by anyone else but Crowley until H. Spencer Lewis used it, thereby again *proving* that the AMORC is associated with Crowley. Mr. Clymer is very positive and very malicious in his statements in this regard. Yet

[7] Lewis' self-framed charges Numbers Two, Three and Four will be considered in Chapter IV, wherein it will be proven that his World Council and International Conventions were faked and that FUDOSI is his scheme and a ridiculous farce. In that chapter we shall show the close connections of Aleister Crowley, the notorious Black Magician, with the O. T. O., which Lewis indignantly denies.

he knows that this statement is as false as any of his other claims."

Now, Clymer made no such charge. We did not say that the title of Imperator was invented by Crowley and never used by anyone else but Crowley until Lewis used it. What we said on the subject will be found on pages 29 and 95 of the Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* and on pages 298 and 366 of Volume I.

We showed that the title "Imperator" appeared frequently in Dr. Franz Hartmann's book which Lewis used almost in its entirety in his lessons and that the title was also used by Crowley in the O.T.O. and asked if Lewis learned about Imperators from Dr. Hartmann or was the title conferred upon him by Crowley? It was cited as a mere circumstance in a long chain of evidence to show the connection between Lewis and Crowley, who is today the *Secret Chief* of the O.T.O. and who has been the head of the O. T. O. in all English-speaking countries, including the United States, since 1912, as will be proven in Chapter Four.

Lewis seizes upon and singles out this purely incidental matter, misstates our statement, reshapes and twists it to suit his convenience and then purports to answer his own twisted and crooked version of our statement by asserting that the title "Imperator" was said to have been used in the Rosicrucian Order as early as 1700 in books by Waite, Wittemans and scores of others.

Remarkable, isn't it? Verily, there are tricks and stratagems, ways and byways in the art of clever dodging and plausible hoodwinking.

He stresses this matter, shows his committee some books using the title "Imperator" and purporting to show that it was used by Rosicrucians before Crowley used it, and makes much ado about it, to avoid the more important and unanswerable proof that connects him with the notorious Crowley of the O. T. O.[8]

It is not our intention to discuss the origin of the title "Imperator" or whether it is an authentic title of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity, since his so-called R. C. Order is fraudulent and his title of "Imperator" is spurious. Our only purpose here in discussing this matter is to point out to the reader and investigator his superb stratagems in dodging the *real issues.*

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[8] See Book V, *Volume I,* pp. 335 to 391, and Part V of Chapter Four herein.

Number Six

The Squirmer Attempts to Wiggle Out

Under his own *Number Six* self-stated "charge" he pretends to answer the unanswerable and makes a rather heroic attempt to dig his way out by attempting to completely circumvent the truth. Here is the way he frames his charge:

Not R. C. Teachings.

He Did Not Mean It.

"Perhaps the most self-contradictory of Clymer's charges is that the Rosicrucian teachings and course of instruction, ritualism, secret laws and principles have been taken from published books, contrary to the claim of Imperator Lewis, who in 1918 *offered a reward for any evidence that might be submitted to prove that the secret teachings, rituals, laws and principles and demonstration work of the AMORC system* were taken from printed books or public books of any kind.

We Quoted His Lessons as Proof.

"To support his claim and charge, Clymer resorts again to manufactured evidence by selecting matter that is unrelated to his charge and willfully attempting to deceive his readers into believing that it is legitimate evidence."

The first half of our recent Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,*[9] is devoted to the pilfering charlatanism of Mr. Lewis. This is what he is referring to in his above-quoted charge. However, we submit that we have stated the real charge against Lewis much clearer and defined the issue much better than his scrambled statement hereof, and we respectfully refer our readers to the above-mentioned Brochure, or Book Five, Volume I, wherein we demonstrated beyond all doubt that he lifted a large number of his "Temple Lectures" in the Eleventh Grade from three well-known books, easily obtainable. We also showed by his sworn testimony and reluctant admission that he had used another well-known book, *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath,* in his *First Grade* teachings and lectures.[1] We proved all of this with many *fac-simile* reproductions of the *original documents*—not with manufactured or falsified evidence. The "manufacturing" and "falsifying" took

[9] See said Brochure, pp. 10 to 64 inclusive, republished as Book V of *Volume I,* pp. 279 to 334 inclusive.

[1] See said Brochure, pp. 56 to 62, or *Volume I,* pp. 328 to 333.

place when Lewis manufactured the lessons by taking them from published books and falsely represented them to be Rosicrucian teachings. We reproduced *his lessons* as evidence to prove the pilfering plagiarism and the false representations concerning those faked, so-called Rosicrucian lessons or teachings.

Now, Lewis has said that: "If anyone can prove that *one* or more of our lectures containing our fundamental teachings * * * * were taken from one or more * * * * books, etc. * * * * the Imperator will immediately concede the charge as true, incriminating himself as a plagiarist and false pretender," etc.[2]

Now, Mr. Lewis, what about the material you lifted, took or stole from *The Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath* and used in your First Grade Lectures—were they *fundamental teachings of your spurious R. C. Order and Fraternal Racket?*

Witness the Squirming

As the Imperator Defaults on His Own Word

When brought face to face with the facts and the proof required by his challenge, does he *keep* his word and *concede* the charge? Of course not! No one who knows him expected him to do that. Fabricators of spurious orders and promoters of fraternal rackets are generally unscrupulous. No—he attempts to wiggle his way out. Witness how he squirms and note the "yellow streak" as evidenced by his own words, viz.:

They Are Not Fundamental Teachings!

Didn't Steal Many Lessons. Less Than Forty! What an Alibi

"Every member of AMORC knows that the *secret teachings* that constitute the *regular Temple grades* of *instruction, ritual and demonstrations end with the Ninth* Grade, and that thereafter only *supplementary* reading, *not containing any of the fundamental principles, secret laws, rituals or teachings of AMORC,* is given to the members, for they receive their teachings in *another manner not understood* by Clymer and having nothing to do with the printed or typewritten lectures. But Clymer proceeds to put forward a few of the supplementary lectures, less than *forty of them*, out of the whole AMORC course *of over three thousand lectures,*

[2] See Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 11 to 15, or *Volume I,* pp. 280 to 284.

—or Is It a Confession?

Stolen Lessons Not the True Rosicrucian Teachings. Note the Admission. Exactly What We Said About Them.

as evidence of his claim. In these few supplementary lectures chosen by Clymer he shows that the matter has been extracted from the writings of Franz Hartmann, from Eckartshausen and Bucke. But even the extracts which he presents clearly show that they have *naught* to do with Rosicrucian *teachings,* Rosicrucian *principles,* Rosicrucian *laws,* Rosicrucian *rituals,* or Rosicrucian *demonstrations.* They are purely dissertations on the *history* and biography of Rosicrucians and on the *spiritual value* of the Rosicrucian work throughout the world. Certainly no one would call biographical, allegorical or historical sketches a part 'of the secret teachings and fundamental principles of Rosicrucianism'."[3]

Not Fundamental Teachings

How does he attempt to escape? Very simple—quite easy for one who has no regard for truth or his own word—who has become an adept at contradicting himself. Why, he declares—simply declares—that they are not *fundamental teachings*—that is all—and that settles it. Isn't he a marvellous dodger and a most gracious and pious falsifier?

Although the particular lectures that we reproduced in *facsimile* are styled[4] "Temple Lectures" of the Eleventh Grade and notwithstanding that he has declared in those lectures that they are *"explanations of the Laws and Principles contained in the Rosicrucian Studies,"* he now says that "they have *naught* to do with Rosicrucian *teachings,* Rosicrucian *principles,* Rosicrucian *laws,* Rosicrucian *rituals* or Rosicrucian *demonstrations."* Of course it is tragic to see the embarrassment of the great Rosicrucian (?) Imperator as he is forced to contradict himself—"to eat his own words"—but we are pleased to receive his latest admission, that they are not Rosicrucian teachings. *That is exactly what we said about the material he used from the books of* Hartmann, Eckartshausen and Bucke. They are *not* Rosicrucian philosophy or teachings at all.[5]

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[3] *White Book D,* p. 32.

[4] See *Fac-Simile* Reproduction of lectures, said Brochure, pp. 33 et seq., or *Volume I,* p. 303 et seq.

[5] See said Brochure, pp. 10, 61, 62, or *Volume I,* pp. 279, 332.

Just before he proceeded to use all of the contents of the book, *The Cloud Upon the Sanctuary,* containing Von Eckartshausen's letters on Mysticism, and presented them as teachings of Rosicrucian *principles* and *laws,* in his introduction to their misuse, in the 89th Lesson, page 3 of the Eleventh Grade "Temple Lectures," he made the following gross misrepresentation in declaring:

Italics Ours.

Highest Stages of Development.

Rosicrucian Laws and Principles.

"Now, we are at a point where some of the *rarest* writings and *thoughts* of the *most highly* recognized Rosicrucian Masters of the past are going to aid us in our ascent up the mountain and in *our highest stages of development* and purpose. Among these great men or great Masters was one whom I want to introduce to you now. His name was Von Eckartshausen. . . . Von Eckartshausen wrote a very great deal. Much of his writings were simple explanations of the *laws* and *principles* contained in the *Rosicrucian studies. . . .*"[6]

The Great Consolation

Of the Repudiation of a Solemn Assurance

The high members of AMORC, his victims through Ten Grades, having been assured that they were about to receive that which would lead them up the mountain to the highest stages of Rosicrucian development and having paid for several lectures lifted out of a book on Mysticism that could have been procured at one-fifth the price, it must be exceedingly pleasing and reassuring to his Eleventh Grade *Victims* to have their great (?) Imperator completely repudiate his selling argument and solemn assurances of the *potent portions* and *now* to be told that those *rarest* teachings and thoughts of this *most highly recognized Rosicrucian Master* have naught to do with Rosicrucian teachings, principles, laws and demonstrations and that "they are purely a dissertation on the *history* and *biography* of Rosicrucians and on the *spiritual value* of Rosicrucianism."

Purely Dissertations

In Aid of the Royal Revenues

Although AMORC is represented as having twelve degrees of

[6] See said Brochure, p. 39, or *Volume I,* p. 309.

initiation or twelve grades of advancement up the mountain to the highest stages of development, we now know and all members of AMORC (including all special "voluntary" committees and "unanimous" conventions) know that the secret teachings that constitute the regular Temple Grades end with the Ninth Grade and that thereafter only supplementary reading, not containing any of the fundamental principles, secrets, laws, rituals or teachings, is given to members in the form of lectures; that all of the hundreds of "Temple Lectures" in the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth grades, containing the contents of many books and the dream reveries of a self-constituted Imperator, sold to members at an exorbitant price, when value is considered, and under false pretenses, *are not,* after all, fundamental teachings—just mere dissertations on this, that or the other thing to add to the Royal Revenues of the Lewis Hierarchy.

Just One—Even One—Only One

Just to Remind Him Again

Did not Lewis say in the "Imperator's Challenge" that if anyone can prove that ONE or more of his lectures containing his fundamental teachings were taken from *one* or more printed books he would concede the charge and incriminate himself as a plagiarist and false pretender? Yes, he said just that. Very well, Mr. Lewis, does your Lecture No. 6 in the First Grade on "Arcane Philosophy" that contains matter lifted and stolen by you from the book, *Hindu-Yogi Science of Breath,* contain any of your fundamental teachings? Certainly that is an *arcane,* secret lecture on your *arcane* philosophy in your First Grade and *you admitted under oath in open court that the contents of that lecture were stolen from the aforesaid book.*[7] Is arcane philosophy no part of your secret fundamental teachings? If not—then, Mr. Lewis, let us have your latest "just created" *alibi*—your 1936 model.

Pilfering Plagiarism

That Gives Credit to Discredit Authorship

Evidently the proof of his pilfering plagiarism which we pro-

[7] See said Brochure, pp. 56 to 63, or *Volume I,* pp. 326 to 333.

duced was very disturbing and unusually annoying. Here is what Lewis has to say further on the subject, as he executes his expiring wiggles:

A Little Bit of Pilfering Is Not a Sin Where There Is So Much to Steal.

Plagiarism Extraordinary.

"Furthermore, Clymer charges that Imperator Lewis is guilty as a thief and a 'pilferer' and charges him with 'plagiarism' because of these extracts in a mere handful of the many thousands of AMORC lectures. Yet the extracts which Clymer publishes show that the lessons *give credit to the authors* from whom the extracts have been made *and to their books.* Certainly, it is a unique thing for a man to be charged with *plagiarism* when he *admits* that he has extracted matter from the works of others and gives the names of the authors and books."[8]

Unique Plagiarism

Something New—Lewistonian Plagiarism

The plagiarizing of the books in question is a unique and most unusual type—a peculiar species of plagiarism. In fact, it is the worst and most contemptible species of plagiarism. While he acknowledges, after a fashion, the authorship, yet willfully misrepresents the contents, its intent and purpose, he falsifies the author's works by altering and changing his meaning, and, in some instances, casts doubt upon the authorship to the discredit of the author: for example, after omitting an essential statement from Dr. Hartmann's book, *Among the Rosicrucians,* he informs his members, in Lesson 60, page 2, Eleventh Grade, that: "We have now finished the *wonderful manuscript* that I wanted you to have *in its entirety.*" Why call it a manuscript? He was copying from Dr. Hartmann's book. Why mention "entirety"? He had mutilated and deleted it.

And then, after having pilfered, mutilated, deleted, misrepresented and misused Dr. Hartmann's text in his "unique" way, he casts doubt upon its authorship in this manner:

> "I have learned lately that there are several versions of this manuscript, probably translated by several differ-

[8] *White Book D,* p. 32.

ent mystics, and that their versions vary only slightly in an occasional word."[9]

Lewis says that the dictionaries define a plagiarist as "one who steals from the writings of another and passes them off as his own production." That is just an ordinary plagiarist—but when a particularly slick sophist acknowledges stealing the works of another, misrepresents and misuses them and then under the most plausible deception and clever false pretense sells and remarkets them in the form of Rosicrucian teachings for a price, to augment the Royal Revenues of a Hierarchy of Occult Fraud, it is *plagiarism extraordinary*. Such plagiarism has not been defined. It probably can not be accurately defined. It is unique; it is *Lewistonian Plagiarism*.

Not Contradictory

Our Position Has Not Changed

And then Lewis further says or pretends to have his five-day investigating, rapid-fact-finding committee say:

We Have Not Changed Our Position.

"For years, Clymer has claimed that H. Spencer Lewis 'invented and created' all the Rosicrucian rituals and teachings and that they were not reliable. Now he reverses his claim and says that they were 'all stolen from reliable books.' "[1]

It is remarkable the ease with which this man can misstate the well-defined and perfectly obvious position of others. We have consistently claimed that he has fabricated, manufactured, created or copied all of the teachings of the AMORC; that they are not the real or reliable Rosicrucian teachings, and that those parts copied have not been copied from reliable Rosicrucian Books. He has both fabricated and copied them. Our position has always been that he fabricated his so-called R. C. Order; that it is without Rosicrucian authority and is fraudulent; that he is not a Rosicrucian and does not possess the genuine Rosicrucian inner teachings, and that his teachings, lessons and lectures are not Rosicrucian at all, or from authentic Rosicrucian sources, but that he invented, manufactured and fabricated or pilfered, plagiarized and

[9] See said Brochure, pp. 26, 27, or *Volume I*, pp. 295, 296.

[1] *White Book D*, p. 33.

copied them from published books.[2] He has employed all of these methods and others who assisted him used the same methods to make up the hodgepodge of his spurious Rosicrucian teachings.

Testimony from Within

One Who Personally Knows Testifies

Mr. William Riesener, of San Francisco, a former Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, who financed the reorganization of his fraternal enterprise in 1920 to 1925 in San Francisco and who was closely and intimately associated with him for a number of years, in a signed statement, under date of November 4, 1930, said:

> "I can state positively that Lewis wrote the Lectures himself. Lewis never claimed in our meetings that the Lectures came from abroad. We knew better. It may interest you to know that Rev. Chambers, who was a member of our San Francisco Lodge, rewrote most of the Lectures up to the Sixth Degree. Lewis will not deny this under oath.
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> "Lewis has a paper which he called his CONFESSIO, in which he states *that there is no European or other authority connected with AMORC.* (Italics ours.) This Confessio he showed to several members and had it signed. I signed it myself."

And in a recent statement (April 18, 1936) Mr. Riesener said:

> "Mr. Lewis is accused of what you call plagiarizing or stealing from other books. That I admit, for many times I have seen him copy from other books. But I cannot object to that, as he has read these books and digested them for me and saved me much work. He has climbed the tree of knowledge, plucked the fruit and husked it, giving me the kernel, which I found sweet. I do not object to the teachings of AMORC, but it is the unscrupulous man to whom I object. He would and does lie the blue out of the sky. He knows not honor or gratitude.
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> "Three times have I taken the ring which he wears out

[2] See said Brochure, p. 17, or *Volume I*, p. 286.

of the pawn shop and presented it to him when he needed the money, but he has never paid me back a cent. Two temples did I build and furnish for him in San Francisco and transportation from New York to San Francisco, but he has never recompensed me a penny."

Elbert Hubbard

On Lies and the Result of Lying

Lewis delights to associate himself with great men and great names. He has often boasted that Elbert Hubbard, the great common sense philosopher of the Roycrofters, was associated with him in his early Rosicrucian (!) work and often quotes from the works of Hubbard, whom he says was a Rosicrucian. No doubt he regards his philosophy as being wholesome and sound—otherwise he would not have honored Hubbard by associating himself with him. However, it is too bad that he did not inculcate more of that beautiful philosophy and follow its simple precepts. Fra Elbert Hubbard said:

> "The only safe course is the open road of truth. Lies, once begun, pile up, and lies require lies to bolster them, * * * * * and he who starts out on the pathway of untruth finds himself treading upon brambles and nettles which close behind him and make return impossible. The further he goes the worse the jungle of poison-oak and ivy, which at last circles him round in strangling embrace."

The Strangling Embrace

In Which Lewis Places Himself

In his unsuccessful attempt to answer our proven charge of pilfering his lessons and secret teachings, it will be recalled, he asserted that his *secret* teachings *end* with the Ninth Grade; that thereafter the lectures are only supplementary reading not containing *fundamental secret* teachings of AMORC and that the members receive their teachings in another manner, *"having nothing to do with printed or typewritten lectures."*

However, that is *not* true. In Lecture Number Six of his *type-*

written series of lectures for the Tenth Grade, in which he professes and purports to give the profound (!) secrets of initiation into the "inner circle" of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, he represents to his Tenth Degree Members that he is giving them the most unusual, deep and inner secrets, the knowledge of which constitutes them members of the "inner circle," and that all members up to the Tenth Grade are *mere* neophytes and are only members of the "outer circle."

Tenth Grade Lectures

Inner Secrets in Typewritten Form

To demonstrate most surely that Lewis does give secret teachings in written lectures after the Ninth Degree, purporting to be fundamental principles, secret laws, rituals or teachings of his AMORC, we quote at length and *verbatim* his introduction to a series of lectures in his "inner circle" Tenth Degree, with our marginal notes, as follows:

TENTH DEGREE — *AMORC—Rosicrucian Order* — —A—

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Number One

INTRODUCTION BY THE IMPERATOR OF AMORC

All Italics Ours.
Most Important Secrets Ever Given Out.
"The Order" Is the Lewis Family.
See Chapter Six.
If Constitution and Principles Get in the Way, They Change 'Em
Lewis Is the Secret Headquarters—He Compounds "Higher Secret" Teachings from Books and His Imagination.

"I greet you, my Fratres and Sorores, at this time with one of the *most important* messages given to our members in North America, or, *in fact,* in the Occidental world by any occult or mystical organization.

For years, all of us who have advanced through the *lower degrees of the Order,* and who have been loyal and steadfast in our adoration for the Rosicrucian Order, and *our pledges to its Constitution and principles,* have been waiting patiently for the day to come when certain information regarding *secret headquarters* of the Rosicrucians and the *higher, secret* teachings might be permitted the proper distribution and examination by those who are worthy.

I need not tell you that particularly all the *in-*

Study, Development and Advancement in What? Occult Fraud and Mystic Fraternal Swindling? How Help Members? By Deceiving and Fleecing Them? How Protect the Fraternal Racket? By Occult Falsehoods, Mystic Chicanery and Subterfuges?

Information Denied to Worthy. Why? Was He Fearful Lest They Discover "Inner Secrets" of His Noble Deceptive Arts? And So Discovering, Was He Fearful That They Would Expose Him and His Racket?

True Seekers Will Search in Vain for R. C. Teachings in His "Inner Circle." Attacks and Exposure Have Also Come from the Inside.

He Need Not Fear, No One Save Lewis Could Make Such Claims, Commercialize and Sell Such Stuff as This "Secret Teachings of the Masters."

He Sees Himself in a Thousand Mirrors and Imagines That Every-

formation that is to be given to you in this degree has been in my possession and accessible to *me* privately, and personally, for *my own study and advancement* for many years. And I need not tell you that it has been of unlimited, incalculable help to me, not only in connection with my *own studies,* and *my personal development* (for I am still and ever a student, as all Rosicrucians should be); but in aiding me to help the members of AMORC in many of their personal problems, through utilizing and demonstrating laws and principles which have not been taught to them, and in protecting our organization against the attacks, criticism, and the scheming of many persons, and groups of persons, who have attempted to injure the Rosicrucian Order and its powers.

Having this information in my possession, and knowing the cry and pleas of hundreds of *worthy members* who were seeking it, and are still searching for it, has made my position difficult, and has also made me most anxious in my hopes and desires to bring about the fulfillment of those conditions under which, and because of which, I would be permitted to give to the *true seekers* that for which they have been *searching in vain.* The temptations to forget the limitations and conditions surrounding the giving of the Tenth Degree information have been very great. On the other hand, there has been the increasing group of loyal members in AMORC who are ready through study, deserving through devotion, and qualified in every way to receive this information. On the other hand, there have been the attacks and criticisms, challenges and claims of persons, and groups of persons, *outside* of the organization, who have rushed into print with *commercialized* books and pamphlets, magazine articles, or *courses of paid lessons,* claiming that they have the *secret teachings* of the Masters of the Far East, or the *real teachings* of the Masters of Egypt, or the mystical *principles used by the real Rosicrucians. These persons* [Who—the Lewises?] have *flooded* the Occidental world with *all kinds* of *false information, misinformation, fraudulent statements,* and

body is Doing What He Is Doing.

Real Rosicrucian Teachings from Tibet(!) or from San Jose?

Not Taught in Tibet.

Has Remained Silent and Permitted Pseudo-Masters and Occult-Fakirs to Mislead His Members—What a Noble, Superb and Gracious Imperator!

Then Imagine Lewis Remaining Silent,

When He Has Occult "Bunk" and Mystic "Wares" for Sale! Is It Possible? Hardly.

The Pseudo-Rosicrucian Speaks the Fair Language of a Rosicrucian, but It Is the Voice of Jacob Pointing With the Hand of Esau. It is Jacob Stealing the Birthright of Esau.

Let All True Seekers Take This Advice in the Reverse and Refrain from Purchasing His Worthless "Wares" and "Mystic Bunk."

Rich Rewards Came to Lewis Because of Their Faith and Patience and the Temptation Was Ever Before Him to Play 'Em for "Suckers." But He Did Reveal Just a Little to Save the Situation and the *commercialized* schemes which have *misled the real seekers,* and have *brought much grief and sorrow into the lives of real students.* These conscienceless persons, and groups, have pointed to the silence of AMORC regarding the *real teachings from Tibet,* and have said in public and private: "If the AMORC in America, *or elsewhere,* has any of the additional teachings *taught in Tibet,* or any of the Masters of the Far East, why do they not issue them and give them to their students?" To all such challenges, I have had to *remain silent,* and say nothing more than what is said in our Rosicrucian Manual beginning on page 133. I have *had to remain silent* and see many of our members *drawn* from the *straight path* of study into the by-paths of speculation and false instructions, even though I carefully prepared articles for our magazines advising our higher members to wait, to read between the lines, and believe that AMORC had some motive in remaining silent.

I am glad to say that a majority of our high degree members have waited with that loyalty and faith which is born in a true Rosicrucian from the inner side he develops, and from the intuition which tells him not to listen to the stories of the pretenders. And I regret to say of those who were tempted to unite with other movements or purchased private or semi-private courses of study found, when it was too late, that they had been tempted into spending large sums of money and received nothing in return. Many of these persons hesitated to ever come back into the AMORC again, because they felt that they had proved themselves unworthy by yielding to temptation, and therefore *those persons may now never know the rich reward of faith and patience.* But you can plainly see the *temptation was ever before me.* One magazine article in "The Rosicrucian Digest," *revealing just a little* of the information we had, and stating what was to come some day, would have *saved the situation.* Personal letters written by me in our magazines, or the groups of persons, explaining *what we had in our archives,* and *what facts*

Royal Revenues of the Lewis Hierarchy.

When He Explained What He Had, All Other Fakirs Discontinued Commercialized False Teachings.

Promised Whom? His Family—They're "the Order." When Principles Don't Work He Changes 'Em. Changing Constitutions Is the Magic Key That Unlocked Sealed Doors for His Escape.

See Chapter Six.

Special "Occult Bunk" Prepared for Those Who Promise and Won't Forget Even Though the Temptation to Expose Be Strong. Some in Their Indignation May Forget Promises, Procured by Fraud, and Expose the Fraud.

The Order—the Lewis Family—Have Sufficient Faith to Take a Chance to Give Free—If All Dues Are Paid. Sacred "Mystic Bunk" Must Be Held Secret—the Bunk Dispenser Trusts His Victims and Relies Upon Their Ignorance and Credulity.

A Charlatan Who Has Violated Every Sacred Trust and Besmirched

we had to give out some day, would have *stopped* many of these persons, and groups of persons, from continuing *their commercialized false instructions.* But *I had made a promise,* just as you have made promises, and our promises *to the Order,* and to *the principles of the Order, are sacred to us* and in the past have proved to be the real *magic key that* eventually unlocked more *sealed doors* to hidden chambers than any of the Temptations offered to us by persons, and groups of persons, outside of the Order. And so this special degree of instruction is now being prepared and will be issued and sent to those members whom we *believe to be absolutely loyal and dependable.* That *some* of you may in the future yield to temptation and *forget your promises* and *be disloyal in some way to the Order* may be possible. You may forget your promises in a moment of extreme temptation, and in a moment of enthusiasm. You may forget your promises in a *moment of anger,* or *regret, regarding something that occurs in connection with the Order, or its activities,* that you do not understand, and which, in your lack of understanding, you disapprove of and cannot agree with. But you will always remember this one thing: *That at one time the Order and its chief executives* had sufficient faith in you, sufficient trust in your loyalty, to extend and offer to you, *free from any commercialism,* free from any additional expense in the way of fees or dues, those lessons, and that instruction, which was held, and always will be held, *sacredly secret* for those who assure us of their loyalty and trust, and who were worthy up to the time that the instruction was given to them. Remembering this, you cannot ever feel that you were justified in any act of disloyalty, and that should you yield to temptation, you have simply broken faith with those who trusted you the most, and have been disloyal to those who have expected the utmost of loyalty from you.

No man or woman can go happily through life knowing that without any excuse that is humanly conceivable, faith and trust have been cast aside,

the Vestments of a Priest Makes a Plea for Confidence, Friendship and Loyalty. See *Rankin Case,* Chapter Three. But the Imperator Did Yield—Did Betray the Most Sacred Confidence. Did Misuse Information Given to Him in Strict Confidence. The Order is the Lewis Family. The Great Masters Are Lewis and His Son. Even Though They Defraud You, Nevertheless, You Should Sacrifice Your Life for the Order. Over-Precaution Should Be Taken to Protect the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Fraud and His Son in Their Fraternal Racketeering. Why Take Such Care? No Written Secrets Are Issued After Ninth Degree.—*Lewis.*

But the Sacred Secret "Occult Bunk" of the Tenth Degree, Which Is Non-existent on the Material Plane, Must Be Guarded!

friendship and loyalty ignored, and an unjust and unfair attitude taken. Surely, if not one of the torturous, costly, worrisome, and unkind temptations that have confronted your imperator have ever caused him to yield, and to use in the wrong way the information of the higher teachings, or to give them to persons not deserving, then no temptation that can ever come to you should be great enough to warrant you in turning this information or these monographs over to strangers or the unworthy, or to permit them to become generally known publicly, or to be issued in books for publication, sale, or use by persons to injure *the Order* or *the great Masters* in their work, or persons in any walk of life. Rather would you *burn them* than let them fall into hands that are unworthy. Rather would you defend them with the *sacrifice of your life* than to have them used to hurt the Order, and to eventually hurt you. Therefore, you will keep them securely locked under cover, and if you are going on an extended tour where your lessons cannot be carefully preserved during your absence, or while you travel, you will do them up in a strong package with your name on them, and return them to headquarters with a letter asking us to hold them for you until your return. And you will also make provision, with some letter attached to the package of lessons, in whatever place you are preserving them, to the effect that in the case of your transition the package is to be returned to us with a plea that no one read them, since they are confidential and private. And make arrangements with someone of your family or among your friends whom you can trust, to see that such is done after your transition. And you will not discuss these teachings with other members who have not received them, and with no member who claims to have them unless that member can say to you: "I am a member of the Tenth Degree *which does not exist on the material plane.*" Unless a member of AMORC can say that phrase to you in just that way you will know that he has not received this instruction and is not worthy to discuss it.

Members Who After Due Examination Do Not Prove That They Have the Sacred "Bunk" and Occult Nonsense of the Tenth Degree Should Be Ignored as Unworthy.

Should Deny That There Are Any Secret Instructions in Tenth Degree. Lewis Denies It in *White Book D*—So Should You! He Sidesteps—Why Not You?

These Things Must Not Be Discussed—Someone May Discover That the GreatMasters and Great White Lodge of Tibet Are in San Jose and That Secret Teachings of Tibet Are Manufactured and Fabricated in California by the Great Masters of Deception. Popular Conceptions of Tibet Make It Possible for Them to Vend Their Faked and Worthless Wares.

It Matters Not Where It Leads—If It Produces the Cash and Increases the Royal Revenues of the Family Racket.

Any member who says that he or she "is in the Tenth Degree" and has had "some of Tenth Degree instruction" simply means that he has completed the ninth Degree and is receiving lessons beyond the ninth, while we are waiting to find out whether or not he is worthy and ready for these secret instructions or not. So no matter what these members say to you about their Tenth Degree membership, or their Tenth Degree lessons, in any Lodge or from Headquarters, you will know that unless they use the precise phrase stated above they are not receiving *these special secret lessons,* and are not to know that they exist. Therefore, you shall not even say to any member of any grade that there are any *secret or special instructions in the Tenth Degree.* You shall simply say that you have finished the Ninth and you are still studying with AMORC.

And if any discussion arises regarding the *great Masters,* seen or unseen, *living in Tibet or anywhere else,* or if any discussion arises in regard to the Great White Lodge and the Great White Brotherhood, or the teachings of Tibet, or the higher teachings of the Order of Rosicrucians, you are never to admit to anyone except to one that you know is receiving the same instructions, that you know anything about Tibet, the great Masters, or the secret teachings. You may admit that you have read something about Tibet as everybody has, but *do not attempt to give them the correct information* which we are going to give you *in these lessons. It is far better to allow seekers to have their general and popular understanding of Tibet* and its work, than to try to give them the real facts before

Therefore, with this little introduction, and with the full realization that we are now proceeding on a course of study that may last months or years, and *lead we know not where,* and with an increased sense of our united fraternalism, and devoted affiliation with the organization of Rosicrucians, I proceed to give you the further information.

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In preparing these lessons, *I have preferred to*

The Secret Tibet "Bunk" Is Prepared in California by the Imperator in Person, He Being the *Rev. Sobbitha Bikkhu* of the Great White Lodge of San Jose and of Course Is Responsible for the Output of Occult Bunk Dispensed—How Do You Like It—Are You Enthusiastic?

present them as my own instruction, speaking to you in the first person and telling you the facts that are known to me, and giving you the laws and principles as I have had them given to me, thereby making you *my personal student* in these teachings and assuming the entire responsibility for every statement made, for every principle explained, and every result that may come through the giving of these teachings into your hands. Naturally I shall be glad to have a word from you expressing your appreciation, your continued loyalty and devotion, as well as your enthusiasm regarding these studies.

With the kindest of personal regards and fraternal greetings, I am

Your Eternal Frater,

(Signed) H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C.

HSL:MF (Imperator)"

The Summation

The Imperator Hangs Himself

The secret teachings end with the Ninth Grade, thereafter the lectures are only supplementary reading, not containing any fundamental secret teachings. Above the Ninth Grade, the members receive their teachings in another manner having nothing to do with typewritten lectures. In the Tenth Grade, typewritten lessons or lectures are used, purporting to give the most profound secrets of the inner circle. Members of the Ninth Degree are mere neophytes in the outer circle, knowing nothing of the profound inner secrets. Members of the Tenth Degree receive the inner secrets in typewritten lectures, making them the holy and elect of the inner circle, and the members of the Eleventh Degree receive the rarest thoughts of the most highly recognized Rosicrucian Masters in typewritten lectures, copied from books, to aid them in their ascent up the mountain to the highest stages of development. Perhaps you can make heads and tails of it, but to us it is a jungle of "poison-oak and ivy" which at last circles the imperator of AMORC round in strangling embrace.

Number Seven

The Mystical Smokescreen

In the occult, seven is a mystical number. Accordingly, Lewis frames this, his charge *Number Seven,* as a mystical smokescreen to add confusion and to detract attention from the important and serious facts and the truth concerning his fraternal racket and mystic swindle carried on in the sacred name of the *Rosy Cross* and with the aid of *"many Masonic Honors"* from abroad. He says:

> "Clymer further charges that Franz Hartmann and Von Eckartshausen, *from whom the specific extracts were taken by AMORC* (italics ours), *never were Rosicrucians,* and should not have been quoted. * * * * Mr. Clymer either willfully falsified when he said that Franz Hartmann was never a member of the Rosicrucians, or he knows nothing about Rosicrucian History. * * *"[3]

This is unique and wonderful, indeed, although *he conceded and confessed* under his charge "Number Six," as we have just seen, that the works of Franz Hartmann and Von Eckartshausen, "from whom the specific extracts were taken by AMORC," that is, by Lewis, and made into about forty secret lectures, at so much per lecture, and represented in the lectures to be the highest and most profound Rosicrucian teachings, *were not* and *are not* fundamental Rosicrucian doctrines and had naught to do with Rosicrucian teachings, principles, laws and demonstrations.

Yet, in the face of this, our contradictory, paradoxical Imperator (?) trafficking in Brotherly Love and racketeering in Fraternalism, insists upon asserting, arguing and "debating" that Hartmann and Eckartshausen were Rosicrucians. To what end and for what purpose? Clearly to divert attention from his fraternal racket and Rosicrucian-Masonic swindle by creating a much-ado controversy and confusion upon a *side issue,* which is merely incidental and of relative unimportance. In truth, of little importance, so far as we are now concerned in connection herewith, since Lewis, in his own inimical way, has conceded our point and has admitted that he did take the material for his lectures from the

[3] *White Book D,* p. 33.

books as charged.[4]

His "Proof"

To better understand his various methods and the manifold devices employed to perpetuate his Hierarchy of Fraud, let us take a look at the "evidence" he presents to sustain his erroneous position. It is: that Von Eckartshausen was a Rosicrucian because *"the committee finds* from the historical books and other records of Europe that Von Eckartshausen has always been admitted, and called, a Rosicrucian."[5] That is the proof (!)—all the "proof" he offers. Unless it is to be conceded that the egotism of Lewis is omnipotent and "the committee" infallible, he has offered no trustworthy or credible evidence of the truth of his assertion.

As to Franz Hartmann, *"The committee also finds* that in James Hastings' *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics* Franz Hartmann is mentioned in Volume 10 under the subject of *Rosicrucianism* as a member of the German and Austrian jurisdictions." There have been erroneous rumors to the effect that Dr. Hartmann was a Rosicrucian because he wrote a book of fiction under the title *Among the Rosicrucians,* and edited *The Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians,*[6] and some uninformed writers and investigators have given credence to that rumor, which is untrue and not justified in fact.

The reader will not fail to note—it is so apparent—the tricky and ambiguous way in which the "finding of the committee" is stated, namely: that Hartmann is "mentioned" by Hastings under the subject of Rosicrucianism as a member of the German and Austrian jurisdictions. Jurisdiction of what? Of the O. T. O., but not of the Rosicrucian Order or Fraternity. It is another subterfuge—a faked attempt to confuse and to confound. Hastings does not establish the fact—which is not a fact—that Hartmann was a Rosicrucian, and Lewis does not quote from Hastings' works. He merely gives his own untrustworthy and ambiguous statement—a mere inference to leave a false impression in the minds of his readers.

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[4] See said Brochure, pp. 17 to 51, or *Volume I,* pp. 286 to 321.

[5] *White Book D,* p. 33.

[6] See said Brochure, pp. 17 to 37, or *Volume I,* pp. 286 to 307.

But he does offer some "evidence"—some *falsified* evidence. On page 26 of *White Book D,* marked *"Exhibit No. 10,"* he reproduces the cover of *Dee Rofentreuzer,* a German publication of the O. T. O., which he falsely and cunningly represents to be "an R. C. Magazine," and a deleted, marred and mutilated page, that purports to be page 32 of that magazine, wherein the names of Fraters Dr. Karl Kellner, Dr. Franz Hartmann and Peregrinus (Theodor Reuss-Willson), co-founders of the O. T. O., are mentioned and *this,* he says, is evidence—indeed, conclusive proof that Dr. Hartmann was a Rosicrucian. Remarkable proof (!) is it not?

In Part Five of Chapter IV hereof, in connection with the discussion of the O. T. O., we will reproduce said "Exhibit No. 10" and will show conclusively that Dr. Hartmann was *not* a Rosicrucian; that he was a *Memphis-Misraim* Mason (clandestine in the United States) and a co-founder of the O. T. O., and that the O. T. O. is not a Rosicrucian Order and has naught to do with the August Fraternity. Prior to the founding of the O. T. O. he was a Theosophist,[7] as we have shown and as Lewis concedes to be the case.

Number Eight

A Plea for Sympathy

Under his own formulated charge *Number Eight,* he has his voluntary, rapid investigating and fact-finding committee jump at conclusions and declare:

Uses Many Cunning Tricks to Deceive—Not a Few Little Ones.

> "Clymer furthermore attempts to belittle the Imperator Lewis by claiming that in 1907 he was only an *office boy,* working in a 'magical palace,' picking up a few little tricks, 'which he now uses to deceive his members at conventions and lodge demonstrations.' (!) Clymer claims that in 1906 the Imperator Lewis was not only a *mere office boy,* but *uneducated* and in no way prepared to go to Europe in 1909 and receive the initiation in the Rosicrucian Order, because he had never graduated from public school."

This is a plea for sympathy and a self-created opportunity to

[7] See said Brochure, pp. 19 to 24, or *Volume I,* pp. 288 to 293.

bolster up himself; to tell what a great man he really is and to allege his association with the celebrities, of which he takes full advantage.

The statement is a typical fabrication after his own peculiar style and is falsely attributed to us. *We have made no such statements about "Imperator Lewis."* We have said—and it is a fact—that he has never received Rosicrucian initiation in Europe or elsewhere and that he is *not* a Rosicrucian initiate.[8]

It was alleged in *Smith's answer* in the case of *AMORC vs. Smith,* which he avoided at the price of $15,000,[9] that he, at one time, worked in a magical store and learned some tricks and furthered his education along the line of expert deception and illusion. It was also alleged that he had not graduated from the public school, nor attended any college or university authorized to confer academic degrees, all of which was alleged to show that the academic degree of Ph. D. (Doctor of Philosophy) which he claims to possess was purely a bogus degree used in furtherance and in aid of his *fraudulent R. C. Order and family racket.*

The Imperator Well Educated

But Educated in the Inverse and Wrong Way

It may be that he graduated from a public grade school and did not complete high school, we do not know; but we do know that we have never said—nor would we say—that he is uneducated, nor would we belittle his many clever, cunning and subtle talents or underestimate his highly developed genius for astute and crafty deception. Indeed, he is highly educated—too well educated, and entirely in the wrong way.

The word educate comes from a root word which means to draw out, to develop that which is within. He has drawn out and highly developed a rare genius for the successful manipulation of all the subtle wiles of the deceptive arts; he has acquired an astute knowledge of effective propaganda and publicity. With these highly developed talents he has evolved a singular system of high-

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[8] His faked Rosicrucian initiation and false claims of Rosicrucian-Masonic authority for his fraudulent fraternal racket will be studied and discussed at length in Chapters Four, Five and Six hereof.

[9] The case referred to and discussed in Chapter One hereof.

pressure advertising and salesmanship; with genius most unusual he fabricated, instituted and has since successfully maintained a wholly spurious and fraudulent Rosicrucian-Masonic organization, recently (1928-1930) converted into an exclusive family racket.[10] With his marvellously developed talents for subtle plausibility and ingenious deception, this resourceful charlatan and mountebank extraordinary has deceived, misled and defrauded thousands. He has deceived the most astute editors of authoritative dictionaries, encyclopedias and books of reference, and publishers of high-class newspapers and magazines, as shown in our personal foreword hereto. He has made dupes of them all. And many have permitted him to use their publications as free vehicles for his clever yet false and insidious propaganda. Yes, he is highly inversely educated. If such genius and unusual talents had been used for worthy ends, there is no telling how much good he might have accomplished in the field of legitimate fraternalism.

Self-Glorification

Tells of His Own Great Importance

It is a common Lewistonian practice to seize upon and to create opportunities for self-laudation and glorification, not alone to satisfy the vanity of his expansive ego, but also as a trick of his trade, to give respectability to his fraudulent enterprise and lead his victims to believe that they are associated with a great man of far-famed renown. To this end, and to induce the gullible and credulous to join and support his fraternal family racket, he has associated himself with well-known men and women and has continually praised himself and mythically, by various means, bolstered up and built himself into the fictitious Sage of San Jose, the self-exalted Most Perfect Master Profundis and the all-important, self-sufficient Imperator of the Hierarchy of AMORC—his remarkably designed family racket and fraternal swindle.

Again he creates, in his recent *Book of Deception,*[1] the opportunity to have his "committee" blow his horn and find that:

A Lewistonian

"Other evidence shows that in 1905 the Imperator Lewis was elected President of the New

[10] Studied and discussed at length in Chapter Six hereof.

[1] *White Book D,* p. 33.

Institution.

Associated With Important People.

See Statement of William Riesener.

Lewis' Racket.

AMORC Sells Memberships and Books.

York Institute for Psychical Research because of his scientific knowledge in the field of metaphysics and mysticism, and that his associates in that organization were Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Fra Elbert Hubbard and Mr. Funk, of Funk and Wagnalls, publishers of the *Literary Digest*, and many other prominent persons. Other evidence shows that Imperator Lewis in 1906 was employed as a special writer and feature writer for the New York *Herald* and the New York *World*, and the Committee reproduces herewith a special article written at the request of the Editor of the New York *World* and published in January of 1907 in one of its Sunday editions dealing with the work done by H. Spencer Lewis as President of the New York Institute for Psychical Research. This Society was composed of several hundred scientists and investigators who were studying the subject of psychic and telepathic demonstrations and of general metaphysical principles. It was a non-commercial organization selling no membership, selling no books and having no business features of any kind."

In connection with the foregoing statement he publishes as his "Exhibit No. 11"[2] an article he wrote for the New York *World* entitled: "Greatest Psychic Wonder of 1906," with a cut of himself, as the President of the New York Institute of Psychical Research. This is to show that he was a young man of some importance. Of course, he was the President—he was the entire "Institute," with which he associated names of prominent people; a practice he has continued in connection with the promotion and maintenance of his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal enterprise.

The above-mentioned William Riesener, in his aforesaid recently recorded interview, in speaking of Lewis' schemes and methods of deception, said that:

Italics Ours. Presumably for Religion, but for Propaganda.

"He would rent the Scottish Rite Hall here in San Francisco *presumably* for a *religious service.* He would then give a free concert with such persons as Beatrice Bowman, of the Metropolitan Opera; Jan Kubelik or Hoffman (I now forget

[2] *White Book D,* p. 27.

which one) to give concerts. These cost nothing to the audience. These services were well advertised with their attractions and drew the best kind of people. They were free, and Lewis would give a *propaganda* talk on AMORC. After one of these meetings we had seventy-three applications for membership. I recall among them were four who had Doctor of Philosophy degrees, three medical doctors, three lawyers and a number from other professions. Some had no education except in the school of experience. These members we took in, and it gratified Lewis that he was getting some persons of prominence.

Prominent, Important People.

"Membership he gets in many ways. Lewis has a big ego that must be gratified. He must be associated with big names in his organization. To get that association he gives *honorary memberships to prominent people*, like he did to Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Elbert Hubbard, Marie Corelli and others. He sends them honorary memberships. Maybe they see them and maybe they don't. Probably they throw the membership cards into the waste-paper basket. But Mr. Lewis accomplishes his purpose. He has made members of AMORC, has them entered on his books as members, and no one can deny that they are members. Just like the *Psychical Research Society*. That was Mr. Lewis. *He was the society;* he mentioned some names as other members, wrote some articles about it, but *he was the society.*"

Honorary Memberships.

Lewis Was the New York Institute for Psychical Research.

Plea for Sympathy Concluded

Pursuing his tactics of attributing to us statements we had not made, and confusing matters as much as possible, he asserts that "a complete record of his activities throughout all those years and up to the present time has been verified," and concludes his plea for sympathy as follows:

> "Thus Clymer's stinging, personal, vitriolic slurs against H. Spencer Lewis as a reputable person are negated by indisputable evidence, some of which is reproduced herewith. But why did Clymer have to add

> such a deliberate falsehood to his chain of 'accurate evidence'? Can anyone believe anything that Clymer says in his charges and claims?"[3]

In turn we ask: Why was it necessary for Lewis to attribute to us statements we had not made—which he says are deliberately false, but which may be partly true? Clearly it was for the purpose of charging us with the making of a personal attack on him, to create sympathy for himself, to discredit us and to detract attention from our serious charges—the real charges—that he does not —cannot—honestly face, and to which he cannot truthfully reply. Thus, in his cleverness, he would leave the impression that *no one* can believe "anything that Clymer says in his charges and claims."

Number Nine

Supreme Muddling—Confusion Profound

In restating the charges against himself under *Number Nine,* the "Imperator" rises to heights supremely ridiculous. He demonstrates—as one of his many and varied arts used to mislead and deceive—that he is an adept at making confusion profound. Here we have a fair example of his constant practice of misstating facts, confusing the issues, attributing statements to persons who did not make them, and of linking all persons together as "conspirators" who have ever accused him of sharp practices and wrongdoing. He says:

> "Clymer charges that at no time were the books of AMORC audited until the conspirators demanded an audit in 1934 and that the membership was kept in ignorance of what had been done with the funds of the organization."[4]

Now, we made no such statement. That charge was made by Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, his former Grand Treasurer, in a letter addressed to him under date of April 5th, 1935, and afterward published. We commented upon this elaborate *exposé* by a former Grand Officer of his Grand Lodge,[5] but those charges were made

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[3] *White Book D,* p. 34.

[4] *White Book D,* p. 33.

[5] See said Brochure, pp. 123-128, or *Volume I,* pp. 401 to 407.

by one of his own Grand Officers, by a man who should know—*not* by Clymer.

We have never made any charge against Lewis until we first had the proof in hand or available. We have made sufficient charges which he has not answered—cannot answer—and, of necessity, must ignore, or evade, by one or more of his crafty stratagems. Further he says:

> "In fact, all the audits proved that Clymer's charges that large sums of money had been sent to Europe or personally misappropriated by the officers were absolutely false and ridiculous. Why does not Clymer quote one single instance of 'misuse' of the funds, since he has had a copy of the auditors' special examination made for him and his cohorts?"

We made no such charge, nor has anyone, so far as we know, made the charge as stated by Lewis. Here he uses tactics of confusion, often and constantly employed, of linking a charge that nobody made with one that was made, but attributing it to the wrong person.

No one made the charge, so far as we know, that "large sums of money had been sent to Europe"; at least we did not make it. Is the Imperator growing suspicious of himself and making this charge out of his own subconsciousness? Mr. Batchelor did charge that Lewis and his son Ralph had misused and misappropriated the funds.[6] He also charged that they used the funds to pay the expenses of themselves and families for many trips to Europe under the false pretense of attending R. C. Congresses and World or International Councils. This is apparently true. These Congresses and Councils will be considered at length in Chapter Four.

Lewis also falsely states and intimates in a foot-note, by the use of his favorite and much over-worked term "conspirators," that we were instrumental in having his books audited, and says that we have had a copy of the audit for ten months; *all of which is wholly untrue.* Now, based upon this absolutely false premise, he asks: "Why does not Clymer quote one single instance of misuse of funds, since he has had a copy of the auditors' special examina-

[6] The use and the appropriation of the funds of AMORC by Lewis & Son will be studied and discussed in Chapter Six hereof.

tion made for him and his cohorts?" The answer is apparent. He simply will not fairly and squarely meet the issue. He is eternally dodging, resorting to artful trickery and cunning stratagems.

In our proposal for a complete investigation before an impartial and competent tribunal of his and our own Rosicrucian authority, authenticity, teachings, methods and practices, we proposed an audit by impartial auditors of our respective institutions,[7] but he refused to submit to such an investigation.

The charge in question, that he and his son had misappropriated and misused said funds, along with many other more serious charges, was made by his own former *Grand Treasurer*—NOT BY CLYMER, "the head of a rival institution"—who in his said letter (of April 5th, 1935) to Lewis, specifying numerous serious charges, proposed that they be submitted to an impartial committee of five outstanding members of AMORC with *"scope of independent inquiry"* for investigation. Did Lewis accept that proposal—did he submit to a fair and impartial investigation by outstanding AMORC members with full "scope of independent inquiry"? Oh, no! What did he say? He said in substance: Let's *debate*—let's make a speech, meaning, if you can say meaner things about me than I can say about you—if you are slicker and smarter than I am, you win. In Chapter Seven we will give further consideration to his debating obsession and will show why he prefers to publicly debate the issues and charges before a mixed crowd rather than to submit his claims and the evidence thereof to a court or other competent tribunal.

And now, in his *White (?) Book D,* how does he dispose of Mr. Batchelor's charges? *First:* by attributing them to us and denouncing us as a "rival" who is attempting to destroy AMORC so that our little rival concern conducted from a farm house in Pennsylvania may grow and profit thereby.[8] These are clever, foxy and cunning tactics—and effective in misleading many, even though they are as false and as crooked as hell. *Second:* by having a committee, wholly under his control and deceptive influence, to declare that there is no merit in the charges and that the Lewis Hierarchy is all right.

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[7] See our Brochure, *A Challenge and the Answer,* pp. 28 et seq., or *Volume I,* pp. 156 et seq.

[8] This will have full consideration in Chapter Three.

As we have stated, we do not know Mr. Batchelor, we have never had any connection with him, nor any communication from him. He is not our "cohort." He was a "cohort" of Lewis until he discovered that Batchelor was entirely too honest to be of service as required and was unwilling to commit perjury in his behalf—then he "fired" him. The Lewis Hierarchy has the autocratic power to hire and fire Grand Treasurers as well as every officer of AMORC from the highest to the lowest, as we shall see in Chapter Six.

Number Twelve

Crooked Ways—Twisted Statements

Under his *Number Twelve*,[9] in a crooked, twisted and false statement, he continues his tactics of confusion and, appealing to the prejudices and blind loyalty of his victims or paying members, he says in substance that "Clymer *or his associates* also charge that the Post Office Department was [i. e. in 1935] conducting serious inquiries looking towards the cancellation of AMORC's mail privileges."

Now that is a crooked, twisted statement, made with intent to deceive and mislead—it is another of the many instances clearly showing the crooked ways and crafty, cunning and deceptive methods as well as the designs and purposes of a crooked, artful and mystic (?) racketeer.

CLYMER DID NOT MAKE THAT CHARGE. It was made by his own former Grand Treasurer in his said letter of April 5, 1935. We made no comment upon that charge as made by Mr. Batchelor because it was our information at the time that the Post Office Department was making no investigation and that Mr. Batchelor had inadvertently confused it with another investigation then contemplated or actually being made by another department of the Federal Government,[1] namely, the Federal Trade Commission.

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[9] Lewis' statement of the charges Numbers Ten and Eleven will be considered in Chapter Six hereof.

[1] Official investigations of the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraud and the action the governmental officials should take will be considered at length in Chapter Six hereof.

Post Office Investigation

Lewis Claims Immunity from Governmental Action

He then had the "voluntary" committee find, in substance, that the Government did make a *long* and *thorough* investigation some years ago, after the conspirators had filed a malicious complaint; that the mail was not stopped and that no investigation by the Post Office was then pending.

Most of the alleged findings of the alleged voluntary committee are not true. It is just another one of the typical Lewistonian statements, so framed as to confuse, deceive and mislead.

No complaint was filed by "conspirators." As we have shown in Chapter One, it was filed in August, 1931, by Miss Myrtle Crane, one of his former members, long before Lewis conceived the idea of using the *conspiracy bugaboo* as a smokescreen and protective device. It was a serious, meritorious complaint—not a malicious one. She filed with the Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department a suitcase of documents to prove most of the charges, and gave the names of witnesses by whom the other charges could be proved, and, taken all in all, it seems that she tendered the Government a very good case, with the means and ways pointed out of establishing the fraudulent nature of the enterprise and the deceptive operation thereof.

There was no *long* and *thorough* investigation as found by the "committee"; it was merely perfunctory. After the investigation closed Lewis boasted that he knew the way and *had the means to forestall and to prevent any serious governmental investigation or action.* Perhaps he has; we do not know, and dare not say.

Lewis concludes his remarks under Number Twelve in this wise:

> "Thus another very malicious and false charge remains for Clymer and his cohorts to wipe away with more manufactured evidence or *tricky* statements. Or, will they contend that all parts of the Government are incompetent to investigate AMORC, and only the *six conspirators* are capable of knowing the truth?"

This involved and ambiguous statement is not altogether clear, but we gather from it that he expects us to follow his methods. Evidently he feels that he has made a *perfect* answer. We do not

admire his methods and do not like the suggested alibi. We do not attribute this apparent miscarriage of justice to the incompetency of the governmental investigation agencies, but to the extreme cunning and exceedingly fine "Mafia" hand of Lewis—of the Hierarchy of Plausible Deception—who has deceived thousands—among them the smartest and wisest of mankind, and who has, apparently, thus far fooled the high governmental officials and prevented proper action being taken on at least two adverse reports made by special official investigators.[2] Yet we feel no discouragement but believe that ultimately the whole truth will be known by all citizens; that our high governmental officials will take proper action and exact justice will be done.

"Truth crushed to earth shall rise again—
The eternal years of God are hers;
But error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies among his worshippers."

Number Thirteen

Clymer His Evil Spectre

Under his *Number Thirteen,* Lewis demonstrates to a remarkable degree and with certainty his great desire to present Clymer as his evil ever-present spectre, and relentless persecutor. He says: "Clymer's *associates* claim" and proceeds to discuss and misstate, in his usual crooked and twisting manner, a charge made against him by his former Grand Treasurer, with whom Clymer has not been and is in no way associated.

Here we are afforded another example of the great variety of the subtle arts and tactics of this resourceful charlatan.

It also leaves the conviction that he feels that if he could only rid himself of Clymer and destroy the authentic Rosicrucian Order represented by Clymer there will be reasonably smooth sailing upon his sea of plausible deception for his fraternal family racket and spurious, fraudulent R. C. Order. But "the Clymer" that he fears so much and denounces so vehemently is perhaps the *Nemesis* of his own subconsciousness (i.e., the image of retributive justice

[2] This was revealed and came to light in the trial of the case of *Roy W. and A. E. Smith vs. Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC et al.* in the Federal District Court at San Francisco, in February, 1936.

that constantly haunts him). The authentic order will stand, like truth, unshaken and unaffected by his unholy assaults of miserable misrepresentation.[3]

The particular charge to which he pretends to reply under his "Number Thirteen" with pretentious arguments and ballyhooing ridicule, made by Mr. Batchelor, ex-Grand Treasurer of his Grand Lodge, is as follows: "You have urged the members to purchase certain books, representing them to be published by other firms, whereas these firm names were fictitious, and you and your family profited from the publication and sale of these books." Now read the typically Lewistonian ballyhoo on page 36 of his White (?) *Book of Deception,* in reply to the foregoing charge, and note the methods employed. They are typical devices, stratagems and subterfuges constantly employed by the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Brotherly Love to cast a mantle of confusion about his fraudulent operations and to create a smokescreen to hide a fraternal swindle, from which he and his family receive their luxurious sustenance.

Number Fourteen

More Confusion and Self-Laudation

In his discussion under *Number Fourteen* there is a repetition of his oft-repeated statement that *"Clymer and his associates"* claim and charge, whereas he is undertaking to reply to charges made by *one of his former associates,* his former Grand Treasurer, *not* to charges made by Clymer. In fact, he has given very little space in his White (?) *Book of Deception* in an effort to reply to the basic and serious charges made by Clymer, while every effort has been made to evade them. But he has devoted considerable space in an attempted reply to certain unimportant incidental matters relating thereto, and to those charges of his former Grand Treasurer to which he thought he had a plausible answer. As to the basic charges made by Clymer and the serious charges made by Batchelor he has maintained a discreet and profound silence.

Under this number it is interesting and illuminating to note that he had his "voluntary" committee find as a fact:

"that the *membership of the organization has stead-*

[3] These false representations will be fully considered in Chapter Three hereof.

Italics Ours.

To Other Reasons, Not Discovery of the Fraud.

Take Their Medicine. No Complaint.

Italics Ours.

ily increased, even during the years of the depression . . . that in any month not more than a small fraction of 1 per cent of the membership has resigned from the Order's activities, and these complete resignations have been due to removals to foreign countries, inability to keep up the study period or other reasons, and in only a very small number of cases—less than one-tenth of 1 per cent—do the resigning members make any complaint regarding the teachings or the activities of the organization . . . that the organization has had a *marvelous and steady growth* in every way."

A Serious Conflict

Committee's Findings Vs. Lewis' Testimony

The foregoing is the findings of fact of his voluntary (?) committee—in reality Lewis' statements. Now, let us compare his foregoing statements, made in the name of his committee, with his statements made under oath in the case of AMORC vs. SMITH on June 26, 1933, while the depression was still on. In the abovementioned case, to show that Smith's activities had been injurious to AMORC, Lewis testified in substance that there had been a serious loss in membership; that Smith's activities had resulted in the withdrawal of members and prevented others from joining; that the loss in two years was nearly $60,000; that in 1931 twenty-two thousand members were paying dues, whereas at that time, June, 1933, about ten to twelve thousand were paying dues, and that about five or six thousand had been lost because of the depression.[4]

Here we have another splendid example of Lewis' stability, credibility and his regard and respect for the truth. When he deemed it desirable to say through his voluntary (?) committee that the *"membership had steadily increased even during the depression, and the organization had a marvelous and steady growth in every way,"* why, he simply said it, *truth* or *no truth.* When there was a legal necessity to prove loss of membership to make a case against Smith, he stated *under oath,* if that means anything,

[4] Lewis' testimony, *Transcript on Appeal,* AMORC vs. SMITH, p. 383 and pp. 515, 516 and 518.

that there had been a heavy loss in membership, that Smith's activities had reduced the paying members, in two years, *from twenty-two thousand to ten or twelve thousand,* and that *five or six thousand* had been lost because of the depression—a perfect picture of the perfected Ananias, a cheerful, ready, artful and plausible *Ananias.*

Ballyhoo as Proof

Avoiding Real Issues with Confusion

Aside from the various charges of the misuse of funds made by his former Grand Treasurer, which we will study and consider in Chapter Six, Lewis' reply under *Number Fourteen* purports to be a reply with much ballyhoo to other charges made by Mr. Batchelor, his former close associate, which are, as follows:

> "You have kept the members *ignorant* of all *essential facts* concerning the order. You do not allow them to know the number of members, nor do you inform them that the *turnover of the membership is about three hundred to four hundred per month.* This is due to the fact that the so-called Membership Committee is a myth. Through exaggerated advertising, which is against the rules of the order, you have taken the money and issued membership to anyone who sent in the $5.00 initiation fee. You have reduced the high and dignified plane of the order to the level of a *commercial correspondence school* with much *ballyhoo* and *falsehood.*
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> "Entirely due to your methods of conducting the affairs of the order, it has suffered in public esteem. In all occult, philosophical, fraternal and educational circles, *it is held in contempt,* and *looked upon as a fraud.* Here in San Jose, where the activities of the order are centered and you are well known, you are *looked upon with suspicion,* considered a *clever grafter,* a *pious racketeer,* and a *monumental humbug.* Thus the work of the order is impeded, and its usefulness circumscribed." (Italics ours.)

To these charges he replied, as we have noted above, by assert-

ing, contrary to his sworn testimony, that his family enterprise "has had a marvelous and steady growth in every way"—even during the depression. And to the *serious* specific charge that his fraternal swindle, in all occult, philosophical, fraternal and educational circles *is held in contempt* and *looked upon as a fraud* and that where he is well known he is looked upon with suspicion and considered a *clever grafter,* a *pious racketeer,* and a *monumental humbug,* he replies by showing that the officials and the good people of the City of San Jose have great respect and reverence for racketeering in brotherly love and fraternal swindles—even the postmaster recommends it because it increases postal receipts, the hotel keepers and business folks praise it because of its great conventions—the largest ever assembled—bringing business to the city; and the Chamber of Commerce—to which Lewis or his enterprise belongs and pays dues—pays high tribute to the organization and its manipulators. And, that *everybody* in all walks of life in all the city looks up to *clever grafting, pious racketeering* and *monumental humbuggery* with awe and admiration. How does he prove and demonstrate (?) all of this? By having his most unusual "voluntary" committee make its remarkable *findings,* as follows:

> "The Committee also found that at each Convention various officials of the City have been present and welcomed the Rosicrucians to the city of San Jose, and have paid high tribute to the organization and particularly to its Imperator and other executives. During the Convention this very year, a member representing the City Council and a member representing the Chamber of Commerce were present and in behalf of the city paid high tribute to the organization and its officers.
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> "The Committee interviewed newspaper editors, the Chief of Police, the judges of the courts, the City Manager, the merchants, principals of schools, the Postmaster, and as many other prominent characters in the city as they could find, and found all of them paying the highest tribute to the organization and its officers. In fact, the entire assembly of members and delegates attending the Convention in 1935—the largest ever assembled—found that wherever they went throughout

> the city of San Jose, storekeepers, hotel managers, and persons of all walks of life paid high tribute to the AMORC organization and its officers."[5]

Thus, with such ballyhoo he proves (?) that his fraternal swindle and his pious racketeering in Brotherly Love are held in high esteem in San Jose; that Batchelor's charges are false and malicious and that Clymer's charges that his fraternal racket and spurious Rosicrucian-Masonic Order is a gigantic fraud must of necessity be ignored and hidden in a cloud of confusion.

Other Charges

Summarily Disposed of With Ease

Having dealt *only* with the more or less incidental matters relating to the real issue and the serious charges; having attempted to reply to those matters *only* to which he thought he had a plausible answer, and by the use of clever subterfuge and cunning stratagems, he disposes of the real issue, the serious charges, to which there is no real and substantial answer, *except confession,* without ceremony or delay, by having his "voluntary" and most convenient committee declare that:

> "Thus each and every one of the charges published by Clymer in his pamphlets and subscribed to by his associates here in California, constituting what is, in our opinion and belief, a group of conspirators, or originated by Mr. Saunders, were found to be absolutely false, and in not one single instance was there any evidence to support even a slight foundation for the charges made. For this reason the Membership Defense Committee herewith presents the summary of the report by the Committee on 'Administration and Welfare' which embodies the report by the Committee on 'Grievances,' with their attestations as to the investigations they conducted and the facts as they found them."[6]

Rather remarkable, if not dumfounding—well—it must be admitted that when Lewis writes a certificate for himself he does

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[5] *White Book D,* pp. 36-37.

[6] *White Book D,* p. 37

a good job of it; he is no novice at the art of self-certification and self-laudation.

And then he had twenty-two good and reputable, but highly prejudiced, very credulous and extremely careless men and women sign and *swear to* that remarkable certificate and "fact-finding" truth-veiling and guilt-shielding "special and voluntary" committee's report.

The great Imperator, after having dictated or written their report for them, having used them as a shield and convenience, having spoken in their names for himself and having filled the report with plausible falsehoods, with all manner of tricky stuff and with bold-faced and outright false statements, had them sign and *swear to it*. The fact that Lewis had them *swear to it* indicates that in his own mind he was doubtful of it carrying conviction to his readers and members—hence he attempted to give it more force than it carries on its face and more dignity than it deserves by adorning it with the sanctity of the oaths of twenty-two of his deluded and vassal victims.

It requires the superlative genius of an adept and master deceiver, possessed of all the bewitching wiles and the most extraordinary understanding of the deceptive arts, and the unique ability to operate them to perfection, to fool good honest people like that; to make them his willing spokesmen and servants to denounce their real benefactors, who would expose the swindle and protect them from the Hierarchal Racket of Lewis & Son.

How can intelligent men and women become so credulous and trust with such blind and careless confidence? How can they be thus deluded and so completely hoodwinked that they refuse to really investigate or to see the truth when it is placed before their eyes?

Questions for the Committees

How Well Did They Investigate?

Did the Committee examine and even casually consider our Booklet, *The Right to the Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names,*[7] wherein we give an account of the official proceedings in Pennsylvania, in which it was decided that Lewis does not have the right

[7] Republished as Book IV, *Volume I,* pp. 175 to 267.

to use Rosicrucian names or titles; wherein we proved by his own published statements that he had no Rosicrucian authority when he fabricated his spurious R. C. organization which he is conducting as a family enterprise? *That is the basis of the fraud.* Did the committee really consider that booklet—the facts presented and the proof contained therein—before they swore that there is no evidence? Evidently not. Lewis had them conveniently and completely ignore it. Why?

Did the committee make a careful, searching and thorough investigation into Lewis' alleged Rosicrucian authority and his right to carry on a Rosicrucian organization? Did they carefully examine, carefully check and really ascertain the authenticity of the various so-called charters, certificates and documents issued to Lewis or made by himself, that he claims confers Rosicrucian authority upon him and gives him the right to conduct a family racket and fraternal swindle in the name of the Rosy Cross?

Did they carefully examine the teachings, lessons and lectures to see if they are genuine Rosicrucian teachings? Did they check them in all the grades or degrees to see how much is bunk, manufactured or copied from published books? And would they know Rosicrucian teachings if they saw them?

Did they look at the papers that Lewis said were auditors' reports, and did they actually audit the books or check the auditors' reports with the books? Did they check up and ascertain how much Lewis has paid himself and family during the past five years in the form of salary, travelling expenses, trips to Europe and by other methods? Did they ascertain how much he has spent on various projects to amuse himself and gratify his self-exaltation? Did they find out how much he has paid to lawyers and spent to protect his fraudulent enterprise and to keep in business? Did they find it true that he paid Smith's attorney $15,000 out of AMORC funds so he would not have to face the proof of Smith's charges that AMORC is a fraudulent concern? Did they find that only the *Lewis family are the Order* and that they were not members of the Order? In short, did they make an honest, good faith, real and genuine investigation to determine the truth of the charges made by their former Grand Treasurer? And when they interviewed the former attorney for the Order, and other former members (also alleged to be conspirators), did they report truly

what they said, and did they embody such statements in their report? If so, why did not Lewis publish it?

Did they examine the document published by Lewis as "Exhibits Nos. 6 and 8" in *White Book D* before he deleted and mutilated them? Did they ascertain whether they are what they purport to be or really prove what Lewis claimed? Did they have those "Important Rosicrucian Documents" translated? Did they know what they contain, or did they take Lewis' word for it? Did they know that all of the "evidence" exhibited to them by Lewis to prove that he has attended R. C. Congresses in Europe and that there is an International R. C. Council was pure "bunk" and proved nothing, except that Lewis was hoodwinking and deceiving them in a big way?

To be sure, the committee, composed of good men and women, did not know—they were victims of clever deception and expert hoodwinking—however our review of Lewis' falsified proof, mutilated documents, misrepresented important charters, manufactured evidence and evasive tactics, as presented in this book, no doubt will prove as illuminating to the "committees" as it will be interesting to our readers and all parties interested in exposing and suppressing Occult Frauds and Fraternal Swindles.

CHAPTER THREE

tors and active managers of the long conspiracy.

Mr. Alfred Saunders

We have already described this individual to some extent in the History of the Plot. This man with a serious police record in England (see the Birmingham Daily Post, Birmingham, England, for Wednesday, July 15, 1903) was not only the leader of an alleged clandestine Freemasonic body in New York, but he openly claimed and artfully admitted that he had "a Rosicrucian organization" of his own, in embryo, and sought to introduce it in America under the title of "Temple of Neith," which term he used in his correspondence of the past.

"Dr." R. Swinburne Clymer

1 A German or Dutch printer who discovered years ago that it was more profitable to spend all of his time at the type case than in farming, and leaving his hobby of printing to spare-time indulgences in his amateur press shop; especially when it enables him to foster and glorify some of the weirdest notions that a human mind ever harbored. His fondness for titles, for self-appointed and self-devised positions of "eminent authority," supported by diplomas and charters of his own creation and printing, has made its indelible imprint on the records of the Federal Government. His craze for appropriating or simulating the names and emblems of other organizations is second only to his fantastic love for writing threatening and "challenging" letters to every person or organization that seems to be an obstacle to the impossible goal he has set for himself—"Grand Master of the World and the Islands of the Sea." (!)

Years ago he invented (in his mind) great medical colleges or colleges of therapeutics, and offered diplomas to those who had no medical training but did have some money, it is alleged by the American Medical Association in its "Journal" for December 15, 1923. It is even claimed by this Association that Mr. Clymer issued to himself a Diploma with the degree of "Dr." sometime before his "College" was actually functioning in a small "Post Office Box."

At any rate, the "Journal" alleges that when the Federal Government closed up various fraudulent "diploma mills," Mr. Clymer was one of those to be found guilty All of this evidence of fraud was introduced at a hearing before the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania again in 1934.

At other times he has invented strange medicines and mystic "charms" or amulets, and has printed circulars describing and offering for sale strange "remedies" claimed to do things which medical and scientific men have proven absurd and ridiculous.

His latest and most astonishing conviction about himself and his powers, is that he is the "successor" to a man by the name of "Dr." Beverly Randolph, who Clymer says was the originator of America's first Rosicrucian organization. As the "successor" to Randolph, this farmer-printer believes that he has inherited a number of titles which Randolph used only in a novel—a book of fiction—and never taken seriously by any of its readers in the 19th century.

"Dr." Clymer has, admittedly, succeeded in printing and selling about one thousand copies of his own "Rosicrucian" books in which he attempts to give his own very poor and unlearned description of the Rosicrucians. His ignorance of ancient Rosicrucian "landmarks," symbols, terms, principles, and ideals is so extensive and colossal that he actually takes symbols of old pagan cults and adopts them, and does not know where to contact a single genuine Rosicrucian center in Europe.

But, "Dr." Clymer does know how to threaten everyone with more of his printed matter in an attempt to add a few more members to the group of gullible persons who have joined his "Rosicrucian" society conducted from the little farm house just outside of a Pennsylvania town.

This is his great delusion: "If I can break down the faith of thousands who are now members of that organization known as AMORC, some of them may believe that I am their saviour and accept my claims to Rosicrucian authority and join my classes, buy my books and eventually secure one of my Royal Fraternity 'Diplomas'."

Since "Dr." Clymer has never been a member of AMORC, is unacquainted with its inner workings, claims to have the "only true Rosicrucian Temple of the whole world in his farm house,* and has been in so much legal difficulty in the past, his motive in attacking AMORC may be justly questioned and gravely suspicioned by any fair mind—

*See Photo Exhibits Nos. 2 and 3.

This is page 10 of *White Book D,* with each grossly false statement and ugly unjustified insinuation marked to identify them with the complete answer thereto in the text. It is a concentrate of willful falsehoods, bitterness and envy.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 34

The farm-house and barn in Pennsylvania, owned by Clymer—"Grand Master of all Rosicrucians" for all the World! The house is his only "headquarters" for his "large organization."

The vacant barn is pointed out to visitors as the "Supreme Temple" of his organization These photos were taken in July, 1935. Dozens of visitors to his "headquarters" have taken such photos and many more. They tell the *truth* about Clymer's claims for a great organization, temples, grottos, large conventions, conclaves, etc. The symbol shown above is from the corner of Clymer's "Rosicrucian" stationery. He says it is a true R. C symbol. Who ever heard of the Satanic snake being entwined around the Divine Rosy Cross, or of the Egyptian Beetle taking the place of the Sacred Rose, on the Cross?

Exhibit No. 2

This is Lewis' "Exhibit No. 2." The foreground in upper picture is given the appearance of an unkempt farm, then being cleared to erect the new library. See our "Exhibit I." (1) is the storage house, probably referred to as the "vacant barn" Temple. (2) is Beverly Hall. See our "Exhibits A. B. C." (3) is the Conservatory and Greenhouse. See our "Exhibit B," and (4) is our personal insignia, signature or Coat of Arms. *There is no barn on the premises.* See text.

PERSONAL ATTACKS—COUNTER-CHARGES

Falsified and Manufactured Evidence in an Attempt to Destroy the Real to Perpetuate a Spurious R. C. Order

Still Another and Other Stratagems

Thus far we have dealt with two of the major Lewistonian subterfuges, devices and stratagems used to avoid the truth that he dare not face, and used by him instead of an honest answer to serious charges based upon the facts. Here we present another of his many stratagems and devices; there are still others to be dealt with in chapters to follow. Here we deal with a common and ordinary stratagem, namely: bitter personal attack and false counter-charges against a hated "rival," who has exposed his racket and produced irrefutable proof of his occult fraud and fraternal swindle. The subterfuge of vicious attacks and abusive false counter-charges is a stratagem that involves no cunning cleverness or subtle ingeniousness. It is commonly and generally used by the crudest as well as by the smartest of mankind. However, the smart never use it except under conditions of absolute necessity and the honorable class of mankind never use it under any circumstances. Its *purpose* and the *necessity for its use* are apparent to all—even to the dumbest of mankind.

In connection with the personal attack on Clymer the individual, he also attacks Clymer the Supreme Grand Master of the Authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America, and with false statements, falsified and manufactured evidence, he fain would destroy the real Order that his own false and fradulent R. C. Order may survive. Here, also, his sordid purpose and crooked designing are fully apparent to all.

For convenience and study by the reader, we have placed at the beginning of this Chapter *fac-simile* reproductions of page 10 and "Exhibit No. 2"[1] of his *Black Book of Deception* and Stratagem.[2]

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[1] Our reproductions Nos. 33 and 34.

[2] *White Book D,* pp. 10 and 18.

On page 10 will be found the major portion of his vicious attack, although it is extended throughout the booklet, like mud amid the driftwood and debris lodged against the banks of swollen streams during the storm. In "Exhibit No. 2" will be found a typical example of the tricky and falsified evidence used by him to sustain his false statements and to justify his fraternal swindle and family racket. The numbers made with pen and by us placed upon these reproductions are for convenience of reference. The numerals preceding the paragraphs in this chapter refer to the numerals on our reproduction of said page 10 and indicate that the subject matter herein refers to similar subject matter in the reproduction[3] to which we are replying.

A German or Dutch Printer

(1) His reference to us as a German or Dutch printer and farmer is said in derision, to ridicule, and with bitter hatred. If we were either German or Dutch, we would be proud of our ancestry. They are great races and fine people. You should not speak contemptuously of them; you know, Mr. Lewis, "you can't beat the Dutch." The descendants of the Dutch have been known to become presidents of these United States.

Our ancestors were Swiss Mennonites who migrated to eastern Pennsylvania in the early colonial days from Bern, Switzerland. Some came by way of England and other lands of temporary residence. The Clymers have been law-abiding and useful citizens. They have not been without honor to themselves and service to their country. One of the family was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. He was also an early member of the Rosicrucian Fraternity in America.[4] A reasonable modesty dictates that we should say no more on this subject; sufficient has been said to show that they are not renegades or degenerates. Those who are interested will find a general history of the Clymer family and the Mennonites in a well-considered book, *The Mennonite Immigration to Pennsylvania,* by C. Henry Smith, Ph.D., a Professor of History in Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio.

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[3] Reproduction No. 33.

[4] See Volume I, p. 416.

Printer and Farmer

(2) We are neither printer nor farmer. If we were either we would be proud of our vocation. The farmers are the backbone of the nation. More than half of our people reside on farms and supply food and necessities to our nation. The printer materially aids in the dissemination of information and contributes much to our intellectual well-being. Without the printer's aid to set the type, and print his fabulous, false, high-pressure advertisements, Lewis could not have built his spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order and family enterprise into the "largest occult organization in the world," and without the printer's assistance we could not have exposed it so well and so thoroughly.

As a physician we have earned an honest livelihood by the ethical and honorable practice of medicine and the healing arts. As an author and publisher of several books, we have derived a large income from the sale of such books, all of which we have contributed to the support of the *Great Work* of the *Real Rosicrucian Brotherhood in America.* We do not draw a salary or royalties from the Fraternity, nor have we sold it our copyright.[5] We gave our all freely and without price. We have never indulged in amateur press shop printing to *"foster or glorify some of the weirdest notions that the human mind ever harbored,"* but we have used and are using the facilities of a modern printing plant to prevent Lewis, if possible, from doing that very thing, and to expose him in the glorification of his family racket and the foisting upon the gullible and credulous *"the weirdest notions that the human mind ever harbored,"* in the nature of an occult fraud and mystic swindle.

Fondness for Titles

(3) It is—to say the least—a strange, fantastic and weird, if not a valid, defense to accuse another or others of doing that which you have done or intend to do and of being like unto yourself.

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[5] Lewis sold his copyrights to AMORC for $10,000.00, as is shown by the testimony of his son Ralph on February 20, 1936, in the case of *Roy W. and A. E. Smith et al. vs. Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC and the Lewises et al.* in the Federal District Court at San Francisco, *Official Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 51 to 58. And by his own testimony in the same case, *Transcript,* pp. 230, 231. Of course, he and his son draw substantial salaries and other substantial sums from their "non-profit sharing" family racket, as we shall see in Chapter Six.

We suppose that's why the pot called the kettle black. Lewis has oft-times resorted to the use of such tactics. Now he charges us with a fondness for titles. In modesty we must decline; we are not worthy of such great "honors." As a physician, we are generally addressed with the title of Doctor and as the official head of the Rosicrucian Fraternity in America we have used the title of Supreme Grand Master in official matters. There are other titles that of right we might use and sometimes of necessity must use in connection with the Great Work of the Fraternity in its different branches and orders, but we only use them *when necessary* and *not* out of fondness for them. We are pleased most when our members and students simply address us as "teacher." We have never used or exploited titles or "honors" in connection with our membership in other fraternal orders or other societies for personal glorification or to build up the *real* Rosicrucian Order whose *ancient landmarks* permit of no such practices. Besides, we are not an ego-maniac.

Lewis' Entourage of Titles

Now as to Lewis, we find his fondness for titles most extraordinary—indeed most astounding—and ego-glorification such as to put a strutting turkey gobbler and the vainest peacock to shame.

In hastily looking over the Lewis publications we find that he uses a flock of titles, "high honors," degrees, fellowships and memberships, of which the following are but a few of the many used, viz.: H. Spencer Lewis, *R. F. C., 12° Illuminati,* Toulouse, France; *Dr.* H. Spencer Lewis; H. Spencer Lewis, *Ph. D.;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Doctor of Metaphysics and Psychology;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosicrucian Order;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Fellow Rose Cross;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Fellow of the France Ecole R. C.;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Rex Universitatis Illuminati;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Grand Master General;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Imperator;* H. Spencer Lewis, *Most Perfect Master Profundis; Member of the Supreme Council R. C. of the World; Legate of the Order in France; Minister of the Foreign Legation; Fellow of the Rose Cross College of the Rosicrucian Order; Honorary Consular of the "Corda Fratres," Italy; Ordained Priest of the Ashrama* in India; *Sri Sobhita of the Great White Lodge,*[6] Tibet, and many others.

[6] Under the title of *Sri Sobhita-Bhikkhu* Lewis granted a charter to his confederates in Belgium to institute a Grand Lodge or Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and

In gratification of his expansive and all-inclusive vanity we suggest that there be added to his horde, pack or swarm of titles and "high honors" the following: "Lord High Mogul and Chief High Engineer of the Bogus International Council R. C."; "Illustrious Promoter, Illuminated Co-Founder, Most Puissant Manipulator of the FUDOSI"; and "The Most Holy, Most Exalted, Most Illustrious, Most Illuminated and Most Puissant Baron Munchausen of the Occult."

To be sure, it does detract from the signal honors of the famous Baron Munchausen, but seeing that he has been so far outclassed by the *Imperator* of the Hierarchy of Fraternal "Hocus-Pocus" for Royal Revenues only, and that the *Most Perfect Master Profundis* has been so successful with his "International Councils R. C." and his "Authority Universal for all the Orders and Fraternities of the World," that is to say, his "FUDOSI," yet there are many who seem to think that he should assume—as he has assumed his other titles—the three additional titles and honors above suggested, inasmuch as they appear to be truly descriptive of his splendid achievements, universal authority and superb genius for racketeering in fraternalism.

But that is not all. His Masonic "Honors" and O. T. O. titles must not be overlooked.

Masonic Honors and O. T. O. Titles

It will be of special interest to all Regular Masons of American jurisdiction to note that he hatches a nestful of highest Masonic degrees and honors and gives a glowing account of them as well as many other honors and extensive authority. In fact, he almost "outdoes" himself with his description of the honors and powers in *The Triangle*,[7] his then official mouthpiece, writing under the headline *"Regarding Our Affiliations,"* as follows:

Italics Ours. "One other item may interest our members. A

Primitive Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, under which many strange and divers kinds of illegitimate and clandestine Rites of Masonry, including Co-Masonry, have been instituted. And under the same august (?) title and non-existing authority he granted a charter to himself and his confederates in Europe, under which he and his cohorts, with the aid of a few misguided and innocent parties, formed the FUDOSI, as we shall see in Chapter Four, where all these matters will be fully considered.

[7] September, 1921, No. 6, p. 1.

This Refers to His "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4."

See Vol. 1, PP. 344, 345, 346. The Document Is Reproduced on Page 380. In Chapter Four We Will Print a Translation of This Document Issued by the O. T. O. Which Lewis Claims Is a Charter (!) Conferring Rosicrucian Authority Upon Him.

The Translation Shows His Claims to Be False and This Description to Be Fantastic.

large and interesting document was received during the month of August from a *Sovereign Sanctum of Freemasonry abroad* conferring upon our Imperator [H. Spencer Lewis] the *highest Masonic degrees,* such as *Honorary 33rd and the 90th and 95th Degrees of the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim* (under a charter of authority issued by John Yarker 33rd, the eminent Masonic authority and historian and Sovereign Grand Master General of England), whereby our Imperator is given the *Masonic Title of Prince of Memphis* (Egypt), member of the *Sovereign Tribunal and Defender of the Order;* and *Sovereign Patriarchal Conservator of the Rites, Sublime Prince of the Magi.* The *Honorary 33rd Degree* carries with it the title of *Knight Grand Inspector General.* The document further makes the Imperator *an honorary member of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Switzerland, Austria and Germany.* These Masonic honors are conferred under the charter of authority of Grand Orient of Ancient Gaul and Supreme Sanctuary of Great Britain. Also the *Ordo Templi Orientis* (Oriental Order of the Temple, Fraternity of the Hermetic Light) has conferred its high degrees upon our Imperator with the title of *Most Illustrious Sir Knight and Frater R. C.,* appointing our Supreme Lodge in this country as a *Gage of Amity* for the Ordo Templi Orientis of Europe."[8]

"The Supreme High Council of the Universe"

The World Council (!) of the Rosicrucian Order (*i.e.,* Lewis' spurious R. C. world-wide order), which according to his expansive and all-inclusive claims possesses most extraordinary powers and authority, has, it seems, also conferred upon him, and his fraternal racket, some most unusual honors, titles and powers. Continuing in the same article, he says:

Italics Ours.
High Council of the

"Furthermore, the world council of the Rosicrucian Order, under its official title (translated) *'The*

[8] For another, different and later description of this same document—charter(!)—see Volume I, p. 345. Then read the translation of the document in Part 5 of Chapter Four and check against his statements.

Imperator's Imagination Confers Upon *Our Order, i. e.,* The Lewis Family, High Honors.

The Fabulous, Fictitious Claims of an Inventive and Unscrupulous Charlatan.

This Ambitious and Pretentious Scheme, Born in His Imagination in 1921, Was to Be Executed in 1934, When He and His Cohorts in Humbuggery Launched the FUDOSI.

With a Comedy Burlesque Called FUDOSI He Attempted to Give Approval to His Fraudulent Enterprise. See Part IV, Chapter Six.

Supreme High Council of the Universe,' through its Great White Collegium (Lodge) announces its forthcoming annual pronouncements, conferring upon *our order* some high honors and making *our high degree members of the Supreme Grand Lodge*[9] of North America Honorary Members of the *Grand Shrine of Egypt* and of the *Illuminati of India* by virtue of the power of the Magister of the Temple R. S. at Calcutta. This *Supreme High Council of the Universe* has under its immediate direction *more than thirty of the Secret Orders of the World*[1] which have existed since the dawn of civilization, which means *all the esoteric Orders or Fraternities,* including the *Essenes, Oriental Theosophists, Esoteric Masonry, Rose Croix de Heredom, Krata Repoa of Egypt, Rites of Mithras, Knights of Jerusalem, Oriental Druids, L'Ordre du Martinisme, Oriental Knights of Templar,* the *Order Rosae Crucis,* etc. The practice of all the ancient and primitive rites of these orders, the conferring of their degrees and the establishment of their lodges are under the control of this Supreme Council, and thereby all are united into one large and cooperative, harmonious, secret organization. *Our Imperator is a high officer of this Council* and all our members who reach the Twelfth (Illuminati) Degree of our Order will be appointed official representatives of this Council.

"By all this it will be seen that the AMORC *is the only organization,* body, society or group of Rosicrucians in America (or in the world for that matter) having the approval, recognition and direction of the Supreme High Council of *all ancient and modern Secret Rites.*"

A Monopoly on Titles and Authority

In reading this remarkable array of titles, special and general

[9] The "high degree members" are Lewis and family, who with their handy-man "Friday" are the sole members of the Supreme Grand Lodge—the Lewis Hierarchy, as we shall see in Chapter Six hereof.

[1] The "more than *thirty* Secret Orders of the World" under the immediate direction of his mythical (non-existent) "Supreme Council of the World" decreased greatly

"high honors" and *"universal"* authority, conferred by *"The Supreme High Council of the Universe,"* it would seem that all orders and fraternities in America ("or in the world for that matter") must discontinue activities for want of authority and all others must die "unhonored and unsung," seeing that H. Spencer Lewis, the Imperial Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering, has had all the high honors and "high-falutin' " titles conferred upon him. But no—wait—that is not all. Further perusal of his remarkable literature of self-laudation reveals a few more but less important "fellowships," high honors and responsible offices in many societies and institutions of learning, art, music and science. Some are real, but most of them are fictitious—such as: Vice President of the Bacon Society of England; Fellow of the Rose Cross College of France; President of the New York Institute for Psychical Research; membership in and high honors conferred by the International Fine Arts Society in Europe; the Societe Philmatique of Verdun, France; the Internaciona Ciencala Societe of Spain; Societe di Artie Cienci of France, and many titles and honors from other fine arts, literary, dramatic, mystic and fictitious societies of Europe and the world—*ad arbitrium* (at will) and *ad infinitum* (to infinity).

After reviewing the Lewistonian array of titles, the reader must be impressed with the conclusion that our fondness for titles, to whatever extent it may exist, must of necessity dwindle into insignificance. One wonders why Lewis should ever mention the fondness of others for titles.

Not for Vanity Alone

But Lewis parades his "wonderful" titles and august authority (!) not for vanity's sake alone; it is also one of his *devices* used to impress and mystify the gullible and credulous and to draw them in as supporting members to produce the Royal revenues for his occult and mystic enterprises, and to the same end, for the same purpose, he has written, *fostered and glorified* "some of the weirdest

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between 1921 and 1934. In 1934 he launched his "Supreme Eminent Authority" to sit in review of all the orders and fraternities of the universe—his ridiculous farce and buffoonery—called the FUDOSI, but his latest "Supreme High Council" of eminent universal authority only numbers fourteen orders and fraternities, most of them—like his fraternal enterprise—being clandestine and spurious. See Part V of Chapter Four hereof.

notions that any human mind ever harbored" to perpetuate an occult fraud and mystic swindle under the following assumed names or intriguing *nom de plumes*: Royale Thurston, Royale Thurston, Ph.D; Royale Thurston, formerly a professor of Psychology of Columbia Scientific Academy; Hatcheup; Ancient R. C.; Ptharos; Veritas 6th Degree; Moderatrix, S. R. C.; Fra Fideles; Peusator; Magus Veritas; Simplicitas; Profundis XII; Rex Lux; Frater Lumminus; Frater Illuminati; Frater Cosmos; Frater Alexandre; Chevalier, K. R. C.; Frater Gamui; Frater Selvius, Frater Tammartus; Puritia; Frater Deigne; Factor Luminis; Sri Ramatherio; Master Amatuof; Agrippa X°-32°, R. C. 8°; Rama, and many others far too numerous to mention—so let's call it a day.

Charters of "Eminent Authority"

Lewistonian Strategy and Trickery

(4) Lewis further charges that our fondness for titles has caused us to issue charters and diplomas of "eminent authority" to ourselves for self-devised and self-appointed positions. Here, again, we see the application of the Imperial Lewistonian Strategic Rule: "charge others with that which you do yourself, before others charge *you* with doing it." We have never resorted to such strategy and trickery; moreover, Lewis fails to cite a single instance or to offer an iota of proof to substantiate his assertions.

However, in view of his own inordinate fondness for titles, his tricky methods of issuing and procuring for himself and his fraternal racket false certificates, diplomas conferring bogus degrees, spurious charters and mythical foreign documents, many of which we will later review, it scarcely lays within the mouth of such an eminent sinner and mountebank extraordinary to prefer such charges against others.

Later we will review[2] his "eminent authority"—his *"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2"*—that worthless, spurious, so-called Charter alleged to have been issued by the "Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet" to Lewis—*Sri* (Reverend) *Sobhita Bhikkhu,* under which authority (?) and power(?) he has issued charters to his confederates and cohorts in Europe to institute and carry on divers kinds of irregular, illegitimate and clandestine Masonic

[2] In Chapter Four hereof.

bodies and organizations, administering strange and alien Masonic Rites and conferring "Masonic" degrees and "honors" heretofore wholly unknown to Masonry."[3]

As a consideration therefor his European confederates have conferred great "Masonic honors" upon him; paid high tribute to the Right Reverend and Venerable Sobhita Bhikkhu; have done his bidding and have given him aid and comfort in the perpetration of this fraternal racket and Masonic-R. C. swindle upon the American people.

It was under this same charter from "eminent authority" as High Pontiff of the Universe that he issued to himself and his same confederates in Europe another "charter" under which he and his aforesaid confederates at Brussels in 1934 in world-wide conclave(?) formed and launched the ridiculous farce and unique organization called the FUDOSI, which confederates paid high, glowing and affectionate tribute to the great "American Imperator"; conferred unusual "honors" upon the "Most Perfect Master Profundis" and strange, as it may seem, initiated him—who is so perfect, who in 1921 controlled more than thirty secret orders—into all their rites—into the profound mysteries of all the odd rites of the aforesaid confederates; gave him "large packages of secret books, hand-made manuscripts and documents containing the rituals and principal teachings of the other allied organizations, . . . a *number of additional charters and manifestoes of authority,* [italics ours] and a large box containing the official regalia, robes, jewels and emblems of the different orders."[4] Said large packages also containing *"the largest leather-bound portfolio of documents, charters, resolutions, official decrees and manifestoes ever presented to one man,"* and who (the same confederates) "recognized" his fraternal family racket and fraudulent Masonic-R. C. Order as "the only authentic and recognized Rosicrucian Order in North America perpetuating and promoting [especially *promoting*] the original Rosicrucian rituals, teachings and ideals," *unanimously*

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[3] The Masons of Europe are also aware of his chicanery and vicious methods and have exposed, protested and vigorously condemned them. See the recent pronouncement of the Supreme Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary for France, etc., for the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, which has been translated and quoted in full in Part 1, Chapter Four hereof.

[4] Lewis' *Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, pp. 378, 379. His description of the formation of *his* FUDOSI will be found in this issue of his magazine, pp. 375 to 380.

declaring him to be "the Imperator of Rosicrucianism for South America as well as North America."[5]

(5) His obscure and ambiguous reference to "the records of the Federal Government" is not clear to us, unless he has reference to our copyrighting our various works and designs of symbols, etc., to prevent him from legally appropriating and using them as his own; but be that as it may, one wonders, *in view of the facts,* how it is possible for Lewis to have the brazen gall and shameless audacity to say of anyone, that "his fondness for titles, for self-appointed and self-devised positions has caused him to create diplomas and charters for himself."

Of course, it must be remembered that he is no *ordinary* man—this Most Perfect Master Profundis—the High Pontiff of the Universe—the Imperator of both Americas *Et sic de similibus*—who knows all, possesses all, creates all for himself and who is above all law—*especially* immune from the *law of the land* or knows how to circumvent it and avoid its just penalty. Hence this may account for his brazen gall and shameless audacity.

Protecting Names and Symbols

The Appropriation and Assimilation Thereof

(6) This aspersion, somewhat ambiguous, is absolutely false; again he accuses us of doing that which he *himself* has done. We have not appropriated or assimilated the names and symbols of other organizations; we have never sailed under false colors. He offers no evidence and presents no proof of his assertion.

On the other hand, Lewis has wrongfully appropriated the names and symbols of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity[6]; assimilated Masonic names, titles, "honors" and symbols (as we have seen and will further see); has created a number of special symbols of his own designing (as we shall also see in Chapter Five) and has even

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[5] Lewis' outlandish scheme, called "FUDOSI," to secure recognition of and to create authority for his fraternal swindle, is considered at length and fully exposed in Part V, Chapter Four of this Book.

[6] See Brochure, *Rosicrucian Names—Exclusive Right to Use,* or Book Four, Volume I, to which Lewis has not replied, but has *conveniently* ignored.

attempted to appropriate the Black Cross of Aleister Crowley and attempted to register it in the State of Pennsylvania.[7]

We showed that he and Crowley used strikingly similar seals attached to their signatures[8]—Crowley as "Baphomet" of the A.·.A.·. and the O. T. O., the latter a Masonic organization based upon the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim; Lewis as "Imperator" of AMORC, an *alleged* Rosicrucian organization. Lewis denounced Crowley, denied his connection with him and went so far as to deny Crowley's connection with the O. T. O.[9] Then to prove (!) that the seal to his signature as "Imperator" is not the *seal of Baphomet* and not used with Crowley's consent, he sets forth three signatures in his "Exhibit No. 9", *White Book D,* page 25, with seals affixed somewhat similar to the seals of Crowley and himself, which he says are the seals and signatures of Masons. Assuming that the seals and signatures shown in said exhibit are genuine, which may be a rash presumption, Lewis has *succeeded* in showing that he is using a *Masonic Seal* in connection with his official signature as Imperator of his *alleged* Rosicrucian Order. No real Rosicrucian would use a Masonic Seal in official Rosicrucian matters. Therefore, he has proven, among other things, that he has assimilated a Masonic Seal which he uses "officially" with the Rosicrucian names, emblems and symbols that he appropriated for his fraternal racket.

Threatening and "Challenging"

(7) If it were true that we have occupied our time in writing threatening and challenging letters to everyone who seems to be an obstacle to the impossible goal that Lewis says we have set for ourselves, he should have repented of his sins and reformed his ways before he made the accusation. He is the Prince Alarming at the art of writing threatening letters[1] and challenges to all who oppose him or seem to stand in his way. He has challenged every-

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[7] See Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 84, 85, 111, 112, 113 and 114, or Volume I, pp. 335, 336, 383, 384, 385 and 386.

[8] See said Brochure, pp. 89 to 94, or Volume I, pp. 360 to 365.

[9] This will be considered at length in Part V of Chapter Four.

[1] See his letter to Mrs. Max Heindle, which was "arrogance personified," *The Initiates,* Volume 3, Number 3, pp. 33 et seq., and our comments in connection therewith.

one to a public debate who has questioned his methods or preferred charges against his racket. He is a *challenging* "Imperator"; it is one of his devices and subterfuges. He has challenged us to a public debate three times without desirable results.[2] He has written us several ugly and threatening letters; some anonymous, others over his signature. If he has received sharp and firm replies they have been in response to his own solicitation.

A Red Herring Across the Trail

(8) His reference to the article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* years ago is the drawing of a red herring across the trail. It is an insinuation that we are as bad as he, therefore, we should be discredited. Because we have charged him with fabricating and operating a fraudulent Rosicrucian racket, against which charge he has no valid or substantial defense, he seeks to defend by intimating that we, years ago, were connected with fraudulent and disreputable medical schools. Because he has issued fake diplomas and charters to himself as a fraudulent device for his fraternal swindle he would shield himself by charging that years ago we issued medical diplomas to ourself, falsely stating that the A. M. A. had so charged.

Not only has he made willfully designing false statements regarding said article in his *Black Book of Deception*[3] but he has underhandedly circulated multigraphed copies thereof with his own vilifying and calumnious comments thereon through the agency of others. The article in question was a spite article written in a bitter contest between different schools of thought in the medical profession. It was based upon an incorrect statement and construction of facts, in which a negative attempt was made by a singular use of insinuations, backhanded implications and subtle innuendoes to connect the writer with medical quackery and disreputable medical colleges. It was written for a special purpose and belittled our medical teaching and practice. With scorching sarcasm and vilifying defamation it attempted to pronounce the "last rites" upon our medical career. The article was as uncomplimentary as it was untrue and unjust, but did not injure us pro-

[2] See our Booklet, *A Challenge and the Answer,* or Book Three, Volume I; also Chapter Seven, this Book.

[3] Miscalled *White Book D.*

fessionally. In fact, it was so obviously *unjust* that it proved to be very beneficial professionally. It was ignored and no reply was made to it, until the "bigwig" of the Lewis Hierarchy of fraternal racketeering attempted to misuse it to discredit us and as a device to shield and perpetuate his own insidious swindle.[4]

(9) Fortunately, we have never participated in any fraud or knowingly encouraged such practices, and, entirely contrary to Mr. Lewis' statement, we have never been found guilty of any such practices. Nor have we ever "invented" medical colleges and offered diplomas to anyone, as he charges. The American Medical Association, nor anyone, *save Lewis alone,* has never claimed that we issued a medical diploma to ourselves. *That claim is absolutely false.* The reason he has made this, as well as other false, abusive and derogatory charges against us, will become apparent and entirely clear to the reader as we proceed.

No Evidence of Fraud

(10) *"All this evidence of fraud"* was *not* introduced at a hearing before the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1934. Lewis caused the A. M. A. Journal Article to be read at that hearing as the basis of a bitter personal attack, but it contains *no evidence of fraud on our part.* The Secretary correctly esteemed the article as of no value as evidence of any fact, and disregarded it. If Lewis were not calloused and devoid of shame, he would be ashamed to mention it, especially since this is the only reference in his *White Book D* made to that hearing and the A. M. A. article was the only "evidence" that he "introduced" in that contest *in which he was so signally defeated.* That was a contest between us, as the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rosicrucian Organization (The Randolph Foundation of 1858), and Lewis, as the Imperator of AMORC (his spurious, fraudulent foundation of 1915, his present fraudulent fraternal enterprise), for the right to the exclusive use of Rosicrucian names, titles, terms, designations and appellations. Lewis did not appear at the hearing,

[4] Lewis and the A. M. A. article that he has attempted to misuse have been answered in full in a forty-six page Brochure issued in February, 1936, entitled: *Dr. R. Swinburne Clymer Replies to "Dr." H. Spencer Lewis,* The Mystic Swindler and the A. M. A. Article. This Brochure may be had on request by all who are interested by addressing the author, Quakertown, Penna.

but through his attorneys claimed that he possessed the sole Rosicrucian Authority in America and was entitled to the exclusive use of Rosicrucian names and symbols. At the request and upon the assurance of his attorneys that he would produce certificates, diplomas, charters and documents as evidence of and to substantiate such claim, the Secretary kept the hearing open for months, to give him full and ample opportunity to produce the proof to sustain his claim. He possesses no Rosicrucian authority, he has no proof, and none was produced. He did, however, as he indicated, as a weak and miserable substitute for the proof that he does *not* possess, cause to be read at the hearing said article and used it as the basis of an ugly and vicious personal attack on us.[5] It was a contemptible, beggarly and low thing to do. However, it seems to be one of his outstanding devices and common artifices which he has followed with deft skill in *White (?) Book D,* in connection with other practices and methods equally as reprehensible and remorseless.

Since our answer to Lewis, the Mystic Swindler, and the A. M. A. article was so complete and his wrongful and vile use of it was so completely exposed, he has denied to his members, who regard his aforesaid act as being reprehensible and indefensible, that he introduced the article in question at the hearing in Pennsylvania, but claimed the American Medical Association had their attorney read the article at the hearing.[6] The aptitude of this High Priest of Fraternal Skullduggery for contemptible, infamous and vicious perversion of the truth appears to be without limitations.

A Priest (?) Who Besmirched the Cloth

A Blackbird That Fouled Its Nest

In this connection, as we are considering the ever-ready disposition of this High Priest of Humbuggery, racketeering on the nobler and higher aspirations of men, to besmirch the character and to blast the reputation of anyone—indeed—everyone, to save himself, his fraudulent enterprise and to insure the perpetration

[5] For a full account of all these matters and all that transpired at the hearing, see Booklet, *The Right to the Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names,* or Book Four, Volume I.

[6] Of this we have positive documentary proof, consisting of Lewis' written statements and the written denial of the American Medical Association that it was represented at that hearing or had any connection with it.

thereof, it is well to discern and note the heretofore concealed lines of baser villainy in the self-executed portrait of himself indelibly etched thereupon by his outrageous deeds of abject baseness and sordid unscrupulousness in prostituting the noblest ideals of the high office of priesthood to serve his ignoble ends or to gratify his distorted fancy.

As a *"Bishop"* of the *Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, Inc.,* he ordained priests,[7] performed marriage[8] and christening ceremonies, and other priestly acts. Recently, on February 25, 1936, in the Federal District Court at San Francisco, he testified that the "Pristine Church of the Rose Cross" had been abandoned because one of its ordained priests had been *abusing his prerogative* and *performing* marriage ceremonies—that "The organization was never formed for any such thing as that."[9] But *he did it*—the consistent (?) Bishop and Imperator.

As the "Imperator" of an alleged Rosicrucian Order he receives and deals with strictly personal and highly confidential communications from his members in the capacity of a priest. Besides he claims to be a *"Sri (Reverend) Sobhita Bhikkhu"* of the *Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet"*[1] and the High Priest of the Universe.

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[7] See our Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 78 and 110, or Volume I, pp. 349 and 382.

[8] In *The Triangle* of June 20, 1921, p. 1, then his official organ, we find the following account of a marriage ceremony performed by Lewis: "On June 9 a similar ceremony was performed in the Rosicrucian Temple at San Francisco. On this occasion Sister Neva Breeding, a member of the California Grand Lodge, and Brother Walter C. Priddy, a member of the National Lodge, were united in marriage according to our rites. In this case the Imperator conducted first the symbolical ceremony whereby the uniting of two souls was symbolized, and then, with relatives of the couple assembled in the center of the Temple, the *Imperator,* as a *Priest* of the Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, performed the formal legal ceremony * * * * ." There are many accounts by Lewis in his literature concerning his officiating as a priest—but the above quotation is sufficient.

[9] Testimony of Lewis in case of Roy W. and A. E. Smith vs. Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, the Lewises and others, *Reporter's Official Transcript,* Volume 2, pp. 206-207.

[1] See reproduction of his "Important (?) Rosicrucian Document No. 2" and his description of himself and the document. *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1933 (Vol. XI, No. 8), p. 317. We will give further extensive notice to this "document" in Part V of Chapter Four of this Book.

The Virgil Rankin Suit

Its Revelations Are Astounding

As the priestly head of his fraternal racket he received a confidential communication from the wife of Virgil Rankin, his former advertising agent, and with the gross and unforgivable betrayal of that confidence he used the communication to bring about the arrest and imprisonment of her husband. After the District Attorney investigated the facts of the case he dismissed the charges preferred by the Lewis Hierarchy.

Rankin sued AMORC, Lewis' fraternal racket, for False Arrest and Imprisonment. The case was tried in San Jose before a jury of his neighbors. His contemptible, obnoxious and disgusting conduct as a priest was fully developed in the trial of the case. We do not know what his neighbors thought in *particular* as they sat on that jury and viewed his disgraceful acts—unworthy of a man. Perhaps they thought of buzzards and skunks, and other loathesome things. But we do know what they thought in *general,* as is clearly indicated by their verdict for $21,000.00 against AMORC, the Lewis Hierarchy, consisting of $10,000.00 compensatory or actual damage, and $11,000.00 *punitive* damages, assessed to *punish him* for his unforgivable and abhorrent conduct as a "priest"—or, to be exact, for pretending to be a priest and *soiling the vestments of that high office.*

A Lewistonian Phantom

(11) This is a phantom born of hatred and revenge, existing only in his imagination. We have never invented and offered for sale "strange medicines" that medical and scientific men have proven absurd and ridiculous. True, some of our medical teachings and practices have been ridiculed, but they have not been *proven to be absurd or unscientific.* On the contrary, those teachings, methods and remedies ridiculed most have been adopted by the Regular School of Medicine and are commonly accepted practices today.[2]

Even though our teachings, practices and our conduct as a

[2] See our *Answer to Mr. Lewis and the A. M. A. Article,* heretofore referred to, pp. 39 to 42 inclusive.

physician have nothing whatever to do with the case and are in no way connected with the *charges against himself,* which he purports to answer in *White Book D,* yet he makes false statements concerning the article to which he refers and gross misrepresentation concerning ourselves as a physician for no purpose other than to detract attention from himself and the serious charges he has not and cannot answer. If all he says about us as a physician were true—which is not the case, but absolutely groundless—it would not excuse his culpable acts as a racketeer in brotherly love nor justify his fraternal swindle.

Rosicrucian Authority

(12) Knowing himself to be without Rosicrucian authority, laboring under the sting and disappointment of his complete defeat in the only contest in which he has ever dared to try that issue with us, and being unable to answer or to even make a plausible reply to our recent booklet, *The Right to the Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names,*[3] he offers the remarkable statement in the paragraph marked "12" as a bit of "conscience salve" to soothe his aching heart, and as a substitute for an honest, straightforward reply.

If he had any doubt as to the authenticity of *The Randolph Foundation of the Genuine Rosicrucian Fraternity in America* or as to our being the legitimate successor of Dr. Randolph as Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rose Cross Order in America, and *if* he had the slightest faith in his own pretensions to such authority, why did he not accept our offer for a full, fair and determinative investigation of our respective claims to such authority and our offer to retire from the field if it was found that he rightfully possessed such authority?[4] The answer is obvious. He possesses no such authority—his fraternal racket is a spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order, he knows it to be such and he does *not* dare to submit the issue to such an investigation and test as we proposed.[5]

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[3] Republished as Book Four, Volume I hereof.

[4] Our offer is fully set forth in the Booklet, *A Challenge and the Answer,* republished as Book Three in Volume I. See also Chapter Seven, this Book, where his mosquito-bar subterfuges and apparent devices receive further consideration.

[5] Those interested in making investigation into the authenticity of The Randolph Foundation of the Rosy Cross will find interesting material in the Monograph, *Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross,* or Book One, Volume I; Booklet, *The Right to the*

Anything to Get Rid of Clymer

(13) It is apparent that Lewis will make any statement, without regard to the truth or of the facts, if he feels that it will injure, discredit or belittle us. In view of his unconscionable determination to destroy and put out of his way the official outer head of the authentic R. C. Order in America, it is astounding that he should admit that we have written and sold even so many as one thousand copies of our Rosicrucian books. That was a grave error in his technique. Why did he not deny that we had ever written any book on the subject, or on any subject—false or true, in ignorance or with understanding?

As a matter of fact, we have written, published and sold more than forty different books, all cloth bound volumes, dealing with the true philosophy of the Rosicrucians and the authentic Fraternity. Some of them are now in their fourth editions. All in all, more than 500,000 copies of these books have been sold and read by more than three quarters of a million interested students of Rosicrucian philosophy and by the adherents of the true and genuine Order. We had published three editions of *The Rosicrucians, Their Teachings,*[6] as well as many other Rosicrucian Books, before Lewis fabricated and launched his spurious and fraudulent so-called R. C. Order, on All-Fools' Day, 1915. Moreover, we have not found it necessary to admit that any part of our writings were in error; that had caused injury to others or that we had made a great mistake. See the *Rosicrucian Digest,* issue of July, 1936, wherein he expresses the wish that he could retract all that he said about Mount Shasta in his book on *Lemuria.* We shall have more to say on this subject later.

Rosicrucian Landmarks and Symbols

(13) Surely the ignorance of a Rosicrucian concerning the land-

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Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names, or Book Four, Volume I, and *The Rosicrucians, Their Teachings,* by the author. It is hoped that all those who are interested will make their own independent investigation of this and all other matters discussed in this book or in these volumes. We ask no one to blindly accept our statements. However, we do ask that they make an honest, careful and intelligent investigation before they reject or ignore them.

[6] See Booklet, *Rosicrucian Names, Right to Exclusive Use,* pp. 72 to 75, or Volume I, pp. 244 to 247.

marks, symbols, terms, principles and ideas of the Fraternity cannot be established by the gratuitous and spiteful testimony of a pseudo-Rosicrucian interested in perpetuating a spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order as a commercial enterprise, for which he stole a Rosicrucian name, forged his alleged authority, manufactured, fabricated and plagiarized its so-called teachings; for which he has promulgated and constantly changes its "principles, ideals and landmarks" to suit his convenience and necessity. His reputation for truth and veracity as well as his interest and motives disqualify him; besides, his actual knowledge upon the subject has been shown to be entirely wanting by his own utterances and his practices. We prefer and no doubt you will demand a more learned, understanding, honest and impartial judge.

Since he first fabricated his spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order, his pronouncements on matters Rosicrucian have been a loose, conglomerate of plausible falsehoods, cunning deception, foolish non-Rosicrucian conceptions and contradictory statements made purely as a matter of expediency to suit his convenience or to serve the necessities of the hour, which will clearly appear in Chapter Five, where we will discuss his contradictions and inconsistencies.

He has violated every sacred principle and offended against every ideal of the real Order in the promotion of his commercial enterprise and in the operation of his occult and mystic swindle, fraudulently carried on in the holy name of this sacred Order. Concerning his knowledge of and practices relating to his so-called "Ancient landmarks," his former Grand Treasurer said to and of him:

Italics Ours.

"You have attempted to 'excommunicate' all members who questioned your acts without any opportunity to be heard or to defend themselves. *You have made it an offense to criticise you.*

The King Can Do No Wrong. His Changing "Landmarks" Known to All.

"You glibly speak of 'ancient landmarks' whenever you wish to *justify an act.* All members of fraternal orders know what that implies and what its limitations are. You do not blush when you know that, whatever these ancient landmarks may be, you have the *sole knowledge and custody of them,* and in your case *these ancient landmarks have evidenced the startling quality and pliability of accommodating themselves to your varying purposes,* and

Accommodating Landmarks.

have often reversed themselves to meet your necessities."

And this is the creature that presumes to pass judgment upon the Rosicrucian knowledge, principles and ideals of real Rosicrucians! Shakespeare reminds us:

"But man, proud man,
Dressed in a little brief authority,
Most ignorant of what he's most assur'd,
His glassy essence like an angry ape,
Plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven,
As to make the angels weep."[7]

Symbols of Pagan Cults

(14) The reference to our extensive and colossal ignorance of Rosicrucian landmarks, symbols, terms, principles and ideals needs no further consideration other than to say with *Lavater* that: "He who gives himself of airs of importance exhibits the credentials of impudence."

His statement that we have adopted and use "symbols of old pagan cults" will be considered later in connection with his "Exhibit No. 2,"[8] when we shall consider, at some length, these "pagan symbols" and his deep and surpassing understanding thereof. (!) However, when that subject is considered, we will show from his own published articles, compiled from many authentic sources on these "pagan symbols," that he had the material and the means before him to learn the true significance of such symbols; that he should have known better and that he was not justified in making such a statement.

He believes, or at least asserts, that the official head of the August Fraternity in America "does not know where to contact a single genuine Rosicrucian center in Europe." That would be strange if it were true—but it is not at all strange. It will, of course, be of interest—perhaps of surprising interest—to him to know that we are in constant touch with the genuine and authentic Rosicrucian Orders of Europe and elsewhere; that our fraternal relations with them are entirely satisfactory and wholesome; that

[7] *Measure for Measure,* Act II, Scene 2.

[8] Our Reproduction Number 34.

the avenues of Rosicrucian communications are kept open; that we are fully advised as to the spurious R. C. Orders abroad, many of which have been inspired or instituted by him, as a part of his gigantic fraternal racket and that the Grand Masters of the Rosicrucian Orders in other lands have supplied us with evidence and documentary proof from their archives which, taken with that which we had in hand, is quite sufficient to establish the fraudulent nature of his fabricated, so-called R. C. Order.

As proof of these assertions we shall print herein *fac-simile* reproductions of some of the above-mentioned original documents[9] supplied from the archives of the fraternity abroad to refute his latest falsehoods and the deleted, manufactured and mutilated documents which he printed as "Exhibits" to prove (?) those falsehoods and to give plausibility to the rank and gross misrepresentations set forth in his *White Book* (!) styled "D." "D" is a versatile letter and may be the beginning of many words with many meanings. To many of us the "D" in the title to his latest book indicates that it is a *Book of Deception*—although, it may prove to be the *Book of the Damned* who victimized his fellow creatures in the name of brotherly love and under the protecting guise or mask of fraternalism.

"Great Delusion"

It is one of his many clever tricks and stratagems to draw the attention of interested parties away from the serious charges which we have made, by making the counter-charge that we are only exposing him that we may secure his members for our own organization. Thus he seeks to hold his membership, notwithstanding the proof of his fraudulent practices and swindling racket, with his "scarecrow" device of the *self-interest and wicked purposes of envious rivals,* thereby falsely creating in their minds the blinding prejudice that Clymer is merely exposing Lewis so as to get the members of AMORC to join his insignificant Rosicrucian society, conducted from a little old rickety farmhouse and barn just outside of a Pennsylvania town. Indeed, he has over-worded this stratagem and subterfuge to discredit the real Rosicrucian Order in America that he may perpetuate a spurious one.

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[9] See Chapter Four hereof.

Let us put that *"great delusion"* and convenient "bugaboo" to sleep and at rest for all time, and thus deprive the master strategist of one of his most affective devices and stratagems.

Contrary to all plausible appearance that he has been able to lend to that clever ruse and stratagem, we are not now, and never have been, motivated by a desire to secure members from his organization. The authentic Order of the Rosy Cross does not implore, entreat, proselyte or use crooked means or alluring advertisements and high-pressure sales methods to secure members from any source. In truth, and fact, the real Fraternity does not seek members by any methods. It desires only those as its neophytes and members who are earnest and sincere, who are ready and who seek *the light* and *the way to the Temple.* It is an occult truth, recognized and known by all occultists, that "when the neophyte is ready the teacher will appear." For that reason, genuine occult orders and societies do not seek or solicit members. In the simplicity of modesty they make their existence known, extend the hand of fellowship to all true seekers and deny the wisdom to none who are worthy.

Until he appeared upon the scene with his fabricated, so-called R. C. Order, promoting it with plausible deception and far-flung advertisements and modern high-pressure salesmanship, the true Brotherhood remained almost in seclusion. It could not be contacted directly. It was Lewis and his methods that forced the genuine Order to come into the open to expose a fraud and to prevent a commercial enterprise being perpetuated and carried on in its sacred name—thereby dragging its holy precepts and high ideals into the mire and muck of sordid commercialism and making it necessary for its Grand Master to hold aloft a guiding star to point the Way of sincere seekers to the Real Temple of the Rosy Cross. This we have declared again and again to be our only motive in exposing the fraudulent practices used in the promotion of his fraternal racket as a Rosicrucian Order. In the true spirit of fraternalism and with all the sacred meaning of a binding oath, we so declare again.

He has charged that we are seeking to wreck the *real* Rosicrucian organization (AMORC) that we may profit thereby. This is only a crafty stratagem and clever device to avoid and sidestep the truth of our exposure of his fraudulent practices and swindling racket. We are not seeking to wreck the *real* Rosicrucian Order. We are endeavoring with all our might to preserve it in its pristine purity,

to protect its sacred reputation and its holy name against the pernicious and wicked misuses to which he has subjected it.

Not Seeking AMORC Members

Would Purge But Not Wreck the Organization

We have declared—so say again—that we are *not* seeking members from his organization. With his sordid methods, he has disgusted thousands with the name Rosicrucian or Rose Cross. Very few, if any, of his members—victims, when they are disillusioned and realize the full truth about his swindle and family racket—will care or dare to have anything further to do with any organization calling itself by a Rosicrucian name or appellation. Thousands have joined his fraternal family racket and commercial enterprise and of their own accord have abandoned his organization. None of these, so far as we are aware, have applied for affiliation with our organization. Therefore, few, if any, of his victims, when disillusioned, will seek affiliation with the authentic order.

We are not seeking to "wreck" AMORC, as an organization. But we are intent—*in dead earnest*—upon stopping and preventing, if possible, a fraudulent racket and occult swindle being carried on in the name of the Holy Rosy Cross. If he will discontinue the wrongful use of Rosicrucian names and appellations, which he has no right to use and which he uses fraudulently, and will conduct his organization honestly as a mystic or occult organization without misrepresentation according to recognized fraternal law and usage, or in any form as a fraternal organization, then we shall be pleased to give him our support and tender our fraternal recognition.[1] We would encourage all good and worthy mystic, occult, fraternal and

[1] There is little or no hope that the Lewis Hierarchy will reform and purge their own family racket. We understand that some of his former members have made an attempt to purge this organization, but Lewis has charged that those members are not acting for the good of the Order, but have personal and financial motives back of their activities. (See White Book D, first column, p. 11.) We *do not know,* but if such be the case, we are not in sympathy with their activities. Their success would result in supplanting one bunch of fraternal racketeers with another. However, we do know that there are many high-minded, noble-hearted and right-thinking members of AMORC who can and who should reform their organization; purge it of fraud and racketeering in brotherly love, and drive the money-changers from their Temple. If and when such reformation and purging take place, we shall be happy to join others in welcoming it into the circle of lofty and genuine fraternal relationship.

upbuilding organizations. May their numbers multiply and their usefulness to mankind be broadened and greatly enhanced.

Our Exposé Is Not a Personal Attack

It may be difficult to differentiate between a man and his acts, to consider the act as something separate, impersonal and apart from the actor. If our readers can make this differentiation, they will be able to understand that we are not attacking Mr. Lewis *personally*. We are not fighting men as such, but their wicked practices and the evil resulting from crooked methods. Although in exposing and fighting the practices, methods, acts and transactions we have found it necessary to denounce the actor as well as his acts, they are so closely allied, yet our denunciation of Mr. Lewis has been wholly impersonal and without malice.[2] As stated in our Personal Foreword to this Book, we have in our files an abundance of evidence purely of a personal nature that could be used, if we were desirous of making a personal attack, but we have not released such evidence or heretofore referred to it in our publications. It is only mentioned in this answer to his counter-charges to show that we have no desire to deal in personalities, purely and simply, as such. We have repeatedly stated the reasons that have motivated our exposé of this family racket and fraternal swindle. They need not be restated.[3]

Royal Fraternity Diplomas

And Inner Workings of AMORC

(15) It may be interesting to Mr. Lewis to know, contrary to his own supposition, that the Royal Fraternity Association never issued "Diplomas." It performs an entirely different function. Its original object was to protect the authentic order against clandestine and spurious bodies and the misuse of its name, appellations and symbols. Its present function is to hold the title to property

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[2] See Foreword to Booklet, *Rosicrucian Names, etc.*, pp. 12 to 16, or Volume I, pp. 179 to 183, also *Personal Foreword* to this Book.

[3] Also see Preface to Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC*, pp. 5 to 7, or Volume I, pp. 275 to 278.

of the Order and subordinate bodies in States other than Pennsylvania.[4]

It is true, as stated, that we have never been a member of AMORC, nor in any way associated with his fraternal racket, but we are not unacquainted with its "inner workings." As a matter of fact, we are well informed upon its so-called inner teachings. The Rosicrucian Foundation has in its vaults complete sets of all lessons and lectures as well as all rituals issued to date.[5] That is one of the reasons why we are in a position to state positively—as we have so often stated—that AMORC is not a Rosicrucian organization, and that it imparts and gives to its members no *real* Rosicrucian training and that it does not possess the inner teachings.

(16) The contemptible and scoffing reference to the "farmhouse" as the Temple of the authentic Rosicrucian Order will have proper and sufficient consideration a moment later when we deal with his "Photo Exhibit No. 2" and his tricky, manufactured and falsified "evidence" set forth therein.

Legal Difficulties

(17) His sneering, bantering statement that we have been in so much legal difficulty in the past does not deserve but shall nave passing attention; if for no reason other than to make this answer complete, as well as to direct attention to and fully disclose his many petty tricks, devices, contrivances, stratagems and subterfuges to avoid facing the truth of our serious charges.

The statement and its inferences are entirely false and misleading. We have never had *"much"* or *any serious* legal difficulties. Some years in the past, we were involved in a certain minor legal proceeding, entirely personal, that did not adversely reflect upon our character, and that in no way concerns or relates to the matters and issues now under discussion. The only legal matters in which we have been involved that *do* concern the *matters* under discussion

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[4] See Pamphlet, Rosicrucian Names, etc., pp. 22, 23, or Volume I, pp. 189, 190.

[5] His "teachings" and "inner workings" have been revised and changed like the alleged and pretended sources of his authority. Since he organized the FUDOSI as his latest fake R. C. International Council, the present source of his alleged authority, which we will discuss in the next chapter, he proposes to add to the teachings of his aforesaid racket the teachings and initiatory ceremonies of several of the organizations alleged to be associated with the FUDOSI, including the Martinist Order, as is shown by his announcement on page 98 of the April, 1935, issue of his *Rosicrucian Digest.*

and *issues* here involved were the legal proceedings before the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 1934 with him, in which he was signally defeated. In those proceedings we tried the issue as to whether Lewis, his commercial enterprise and fraternal racket, or the authentic Rosicrucian Order in America (the Randolph Foundation of 1858) had and possessed the legal *right* to the *exclusive use* of all Rosicrucian names and appellations. Every issue was decided in our favor and against him.[6] Of our complete victory, and his signal defeat, Lewis has nothing to say in *White (?) Book D,* except to refer to the personal attack he made on us as we have noted in Chapter Two. His stratagem is to accuse us of being in the same situation in which he finds himself, no doubt, to detract notice and attention from his own *serious* legal difficulties that he has heretofore and is now experiencing, as well as cases pending in relation to and involving his fraternal racketeering enterprise.

He Who Raises an Issue Must Abide Results

It is quite clear, if not now, it will soon appear, that he refers to the legal difficulties of others solely to create a smokescreen to shield his own difficulties of a kindred nature, all of which relate to his aforesaid family enterprise. Indeed he is a much-litigated and litigating man and boasts that: AMORC and its officers (meaning himself and family) have been victorious in each court issue and decree up to the present time.[7] In the light of these statements and in view of the smokescreen with which he attempts to shield his legal ailments and chronic litigation, it will be interesting to briefly review the legal troubles of the Lewis Hierarchy and its fraternal enterprise.

The Thomas Case

In 1930, Lewis, in the name of his incorporated enterprise, sued E. E. Thomas in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, California. On the trial of the cause, January 5, 1931, on cross-examination, he was forced to make such damaging admissions and

[6] See Booklet, *Rosicrucian Names, etc.,* or Book Four, Volume I.

[7] See *White Book D,* middle second column, p. 3.

was being pressed so hard that he dismissed his suit and ran away.[8] This is one case in which the Family enterprise and its "high officers" were not victorious.

The Smith "Persecution"

In 1932, he had his own private attorney appointed as a Special District Attorney, made a complaint against George L. Smith, one of his former members who accused him of running a fraternal racket, and had him arrested on the charge of criminal libel. He testified against Smith and his own attorney prosecuted him. Smith pleaded the *truth* in justification of the things he had written and published about Lewis and his aforesaid racket. The jury believed the charges to be true and refused to convict Smith. The case was dismissed. Here is another instance in which his R. C. enterprise and its Hierarchy were not victorious.[9]

The Rankin Case

The Lewises fell out with Virgil L. Rankin, a former advertising agent for their fraternal racket. He knew entirely too much about their hierarchal swindle and was threatening to tell. It was determined to put him out of the way, or at least in jail to disgrace and discredit him. Accordingly, as high officers of the said lofty hierarchy, they preferred a charge of embezzlement against him and had him thrown in jail, where he remained for 39 days. The charge was dismissed for insufficient evidence. Mr. Rankin sued their aforesaid fraternal enterprise of brotherly love for malicious prosecution, false arrest and imprisonment. He did not feel that it was a brotherly thing for the high officials of a noble hierarchy of fraternalism and loving charity to do. A jury of their neighbors in San Jose did not think so either, and awarded Mr. Rankin $21,000.00 damages,[1] said to be the largest verdict ever returned in a similar case in the State of California. This is another case in which the Lewis Hierarchy and its "high officers were not alto-

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[8] See Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 59, 60, 61, or *Volume I,* pp. 329, 331, 333.

[9] This is the same case described at length in Chapter One, pp. 42, 43.

[1] This case was referred to a few pages back in this Chapter. In this connection, keep in mind the facts there stated concerning this case.

gether successful. Perhaps the Rankin case will cause a rancor in the hearts of the lofty hierarchy of love and fraternalism when the sheriff departs with $21,000.00 of the Royal Revenues of the family enterprise, plus court costs—to say nothing of litigation expenses and attorneys' fees.

The Smith Booty Cases

In June, 1933, the case of the Lewis Family Enterprise against George L. Smith was tried.[2] Rather than to face his accuser and have the *truth proven,* he paid $15,000.00, ostensibly in the settlement of another case. Application was made for an appeal. He did everything possible to prevent the appeal being granted and perfected; he had withdrawn all the "wonderful" exhibits that he introduced into evidence which he claims prove the rare ancient vintage of his modern racket; refused to return them to the court and never did produce them. In that way he delayed the record being made up by the court officials for six months or more. The record was finally completed by the proof of copies of said exhibits. When the appeal was finally perfected after much delay, he made a motion in the Supreme Court to dismiss it on technical grounds to avoid a hearing of the case on appeal on its merits. That motion was overruled, and the case is, at this writing, before the Supreme Court of California, to be decided upon its merits.

> " 'But what good came of it at last?'
> Quoth little Peterkin,
> 'Why, that I cannot tell', said he;
> 'But 'twas a famous victory'."

The $15,000.00 Pay-Off Case

There is pending in the Superior Court at San Jose a suit by a member of AMORC to recover from the Hierarchy of AMORC the $15,000.00 of AMORC funds which they paid in the Smith case, as we have seen in Chapter One, to prevent the truth being proven in that case about their fraternal racket and fraudulent enterprise. This, no doubt, appears to be a strange lawsuit to

[2] This case has been discussed at length in Chapter One herein.

the Lewises. Since, according to them,[3] their victims are not members of the "Order Rosae Crucis," they belong to the "Rosicrucian Brotherhood," which is quite a different thing from the Order Rosae Crucis, consisting of the Lewis family—the Hierarchy. The members have no rights, except to pay their dues and receive their lessons or lectures, falsely alleged to be the perpetuation of the original Rosicrucian teachings, principles and laws. The Lewis Hierarchy are "the Rosicrucian Order (AMORC)." Why should not their member-victims be delighted to regularly contribute to the Royal Revenues for their regal support and amusement,[4] even though the lectures and teachings are "Rosicrucian bunk"? The members of the "Brotherhood" pay, the Lewises of the "Order" receive and disburse according to their royal hierarchal prerogatives —and as they will.

It may be that they have arranged the legal corporate set-up of the Supreme Grand Lodge—the Lewis Family—so that, and in accordance with the higher ethics of fraternal racketeering, they have the "perfect legal right" to pay $15,000.00 out of the funds that they claim to "hold *in trust* for the perpetuation of the original Rosicrucian Order," to prevent the truth being proven in court about their fraternal racket and brotherly swindle, fraudulently carried on in the sacred name and under the holy symbol of the Rosy Cross. However, it appears that the final disposition of this case will depend largely upon the outcome of another case, at this writing being tried in the Federal District Court at San Francisco, of which we will now take brief notice.

The Federal Court Case

There is now being tried, as this is written, in the Federal District Court at San Francisco a case styled, *Roy W. Smith and A. E. Smith vs. Supreme Grand Lodge AMORC et al.,* in which certain members have raised the serious question of the right of the Lewises to incorporate the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC and to amend its charter so as to make the Lewis family the only members thereof, thereby converting the "Order" into a family racket, with

[3] See their testimony in the case of Roy W. and A. E. Smith et al., vs. the Lewises and AMORC in the Federal District Court at San Francisco, to be discussed at length in a later chapter.

[4] See Chapter Six hereof.

absolute control of all the funds and properties in their hands, as Lewis, his son Ralph, the former attorney, the former Supreme Grand Treasurer and other members have testified. The members opposing the Hierarchy have asked the Court to declare the actions of the Lewises in taking complete control of AMORC illegal, and to permit all the paying members to elect directors or trustees of the Supreme Grand Lodge, instead of permitting the Lewises to elect such directors or trustees and who have elected themselves. The Court has asked all parties to settle the controversy by agreement under the supervision of the Court. At the time this is written, the Lewises are frantically sending out powers of attorney to the members to perpetuate themselves in power.

This case and the testimony of the Lewises will be considered at some length in Chapter Six to follow. The case is here briefly considered to show in this connection that it is a troublesome bit of litigation for the Lewises, in which their assumed prerogatives have been seriously questioned, and their family racket is revealed.

Other Lawsuits

There are pending in the Superior Court of California for Santa Clara County in San Jose, at the time this was written, several suits against the Family Racket of the Lewis Hierarchy. Among them the following notable and interesting lawsuits may be mentioned: two lawsuits by a member, one questioning the right of the Lewis Hierarchy to appoint Mr. Clement Le Brun as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and another questioning the right of the Imperator or the Hierarchy to excommunicate or expel him; two other suits by the same member, who was the former personal attorney for the Lewises and their fraternal enterprise. In one suit he is suing for $25,000.00 attorneys' fees and in the other suit pending in the Superior Court of California at San Francisco he is suing them and their "Order" for $200,000.00 damages for libelous and slanderous statements alleged to have been made and published in *White Book D—Audi Alteram Partem* (Hear the Other Side). There is another suit by the former Supreme Grand Treasurer for salary alleged to be due from the Hierarchy to be paid from the royal revenues.

Inasmuch as these suits were brought by members, an attorney and a high officer, who were close to the Lewises and on the "inside,"

it may be that we will "Hear the Other Side" *from the inside.* At any rate, enough has been shown concerning their lawsuits, to say nothing of the numerous suits threatened and in the offing of the seething sea of litigation, to show that legal ailments have become chronic with the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering and that lawyers' fees, detective fees, litigation expenses and court costs have become a heavy drain upon the Royal Revenues. It is, therefore, apparent that Lewis mentions the lawsuits of others to detract from his own. And when these, his cheap and crooked stratagems, are thus exposed and stripped of all subterfuge, one wonders how he has the brazen audacity to mention the lawsuits or legal troubles of another or others.

Destroy the Real to Establish the False

Although thousands of his paying members have from time to time discovered the spurious nature of his so-called "R. C. Order" and have withdrawn in humiliation and silence, many others have openly charged him with fraud and conducting his so-called "Order" as a family racket, some of whom he sued for making the charge and then spent $15,000.00 to suppress the truth and to keep the charge from being proven.[5] And although we have made the same serious charges against him and have established them by *genuine* and *irrefutable proof*—yet, notwithstanding all of that, he evidently still hopes and apparently believes that he can yet succeed with his fraudulent fraternal enterprise if he can destroy the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America and discredit its official head, who has so completely exposed him and his fraternal swindle. But how does he hope to accomplish his depraved and vicious purpose? Not by fair means, to be sure, but by crooked methods and unscrupulous falsehoods to which he gives *prima facie* plausibility with tricky photography and falsified exhibits of wholly misleading pictures of the headquarters of the authentic Rosicrucian Order.[6]

"Manufactured and False Evidence"

He complains bitterly that we have *proven* our well-laid charges against him with "manufactured and false evidence"—so he says,

[5] Referring to the *AMORC vs. Smith,* described in Chapter One.

[6] See his "Exhibit No. 2," our Reproduction No. 34, at the head of this chapter.

but offers no *real* or *genuine* evidence to prove the falsity thereof. Thus complaining, he makes sarcastic references and implications and the ridiculous false counter-charge that the authentic Rosicrucian Order in America is an insignificant organization, conducted from a shabby farmhouse with a vacant barn as its Temple.

To prove (!) his counter-charge and to make plausible his slurring innuendoes, he reverts to his old and often-used smokescreen and stratagem of accusing others of doing what he intends to do, and proceeds to manufacture a couple of *tricky* and grossly misleading photographs of buildings on the estate of the authentic Order which he produces as "Exhibit No. 2" on page 18 of his Black Book of Despicable Chicanery.[7]

As a convenience in the study of the diabolism and skullduggery of an unscrupulous mountebank and promoter of fraternal swindles we have reproduced said "Exhibit No. 2" and placed it at the beginning of this Chapter.[8]

"Exhibit No. 2"

The Trickery of "Profundis XII"

Let us examine closely the pictures in "Exhibit No. 2." They are blurred and carry upon their face evidence of "trick" photography and "special" treatment in the hands of a cunning trickster. For convenience of discussion, we have designated the buildings with the numerals "1," "2" and "3." Number "2" is Beverly Hall, the central building of the picturesque headquarters of the authentic Order of the Rosy Cross, which he sarcastically refers to as the "farmhouse." Now look at our Exhibits A, B and C, reproductions of photographs honestly made, faithfully and correctly showing two views of the "farmhouse" as it was when he had his trick picture made, and another as it is since remodeling. In the foreground of the top picture is a temporary brush heap piled during the clearing of the grounds for the construction of the new library and Council Chambers shown in our Exhibit I. Particular prominence is given to this brush heap to leave the impression of a run-down and unkempt farm.

The lower picture of the rear of Beverly Hall was so taken as

[7] *White Book D.*

[8] Our Reproduction No. 34.

to give a grossly false impression—the impression of a dilapidated farmhouse with a lean-to shed, indicated by number "3," whereas in reality this is a modern greenhouse where rare specimens of beautiful and tender lilies are wintered over—a thing of beauty—not of neglect and dilapidation. See our Exhibit B, make comparison and draw your own conclusions.

The Vacant Barn

The building marked "1" in the top picture, which is probably the building he refers to as the "vacant barn," by trick camera work is made to appear as an unkempt, rickety, leaning structure, whereas, in truth, it is a well-built, modern structure in good state of repair[9] that formerly housed the printing plant and publishing headquarters of the Philosophical Publishing Co., now used for storage of publications and for other useful purposes. The present headquarters of the Philosophical Publishing Company, where this book was printed and produced in a modern—not an "amateur"—plant, is shown in our Exhibit G.

Of these buildings, thus falsified and grossly misrepresented by trick photography and deliberate falsehoods, in his "Exhibit No. 2," he says that they are, "The farmhouse and barn in Pennsylvania, owned by Clymer—'Grand Master of all Rosicrucians' for all the World! The house is his only 'headquarters' for his 'large organization.' The vacant barn is pointed out to visitors as the 'Supreme Temple' of his organization. These photos were taken in July 1935. . . . They tell the truth about Clymer's claims for a great organization, temples, grottoes, large conventions, conclaves, etc." No, they do *not* tell the truth about the organization of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America; that is apparent. But they do tell the truth about the petty, low, contemptible trickery and despicable deception to which the Imperator of fraternal racketeering resorts to throw a smokescreen about and to hide his swindling operations in brotherly love and high ideals. That, also, is apparent.

The Vacant Barn Temple

The "farmhouse" is not owned by Clymer, although at one time we owned the land whereon the headquarters of the Fraternity are

[9] See our Exhibit B. It is the building at the rear of Beverly Hall and to the right.

situated—it was our home— but we gave it, as we have given our all, for the Great Work. There is no barn on the premises—vacant or otherwise. When this fact is taken in connection with the further fact that there is a Temple on the permises,[10] erected in 1911, used semi-annually for the All-Souls' and June Rose Festival Services and for many years constantly in the service of the Order, it is not at all likely that anyone at any time pointed out a "vacant barn" as the Supreme Temple of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America. Mr. Lewis knew these facts; therefore, his deliberate falsehoods and gross misrepresentation are unforgivable and proclaim his base villainy to be of the lowest order.

However, in this connection, may we point out that it would be no disgrace to the Order of the Rosy Cross if its Supreme Temple had been or is located in a "vacant barn." One of the greatest Masters of Men was born in a manger, and true Rosicrucians, having divested themselves of false pride, would feel no humility in meeting in a barn or having their headquarters on a farm and conducted from a farmhouse.

The True R. C. Temple

As a matter of sober truth, this continual harping about Temples and the advertising of gawdy headquarters by this promoting fraternal racketeer are just so much ballyhoo, specious propaganda and cunning artifice, to attract the uninformed, gullible and credulous victims he hopes to ensnare. Real Rosicrucians are not greatly interested in material, worldly temples, built of masonry, stucco, etc., with columns gilded with "22 carat paint." They are more concerned with the true R. C. Temples not built by hands and without the sound of hammers. The true Temples of the Rose Cross are to be found in the hearts of men and women. They are the temples of the initiates, who have found the "kingdom of Heaven within" and erected the true and lasting Temples of the Rosy Cross within their illuminated Souls.

European R. C. Temples

Lewis, the ego-obsessed pseudo-Rosicrucian, pretender, haughtily alleges that the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Rosicru-

[10] See our Exhibits D and E.

cian Fraternity in America "does not know where to contact a single genuine Rosicrucian center in Europe" and glibly talks about non-existing or unauthentic World Councils and spurious European R. C. Orders with their marvelous temples with which he claims to be in contact, and from which—after claiming authority from a dozen other different bogus sources—he now claims "recognition" and authority to carry on his mystic racket and occult frauds.[1] Yet, he does not know, not being a Rosicrucian he could not know, that the three oldest Rosicrucian organizations in Europe. viz.: *L'Orient, L'Hermetica* and *Heart of the Rose,* each having a continuous existence since the seventeenth century, do not possess a visible or fixed temple in which to meet. No one can belong to either of these high orders of the Rosy Cross until he or she has passed at least the second degree and have made conscious contact with the invisible Hierarchy of the Fraternity, and then only upon invitation, which in no event is ever extended to pretenders.

These real, authentic and unpretentious orders of the August Fraternity could have been possessed of the most magnificent, ornate and imposing buildings in which to meet and from which their Masters could have conducted their affairs. However, according to the ancient landmarks and true Rosicrucian ideals, they have preferred to be unknown except to their own initiates, seldom meeting in the same place. These high orders being composed of those who have *attained,* who have *become,* are truly the Masters of the Ages. They are no longer bound or attached to material possessions and worldly goods. They are content to meet in the lowly hut of their humblest member. They are real, true, genuine Rosicrucians. Their Masters do not organize *closed* corporations to hold their worldly goods, with all the voting power and offices held closely and solely within their families with all the funds, temporal powers, *changeable* "landmarks," *flexible* principles, *convenient* ideals and *accommodating* laws within their absolute and arbitrary control. They are Rosicrucian Masters, not Imperator Racketeers; they are not "Most Perfect Master Profundis" of the plausible falsehood and the black deceptive arts of Mystic Swindling. They

[1] All of these matters will be considered in the next three chapters.

do not conduct fraternal rackets, occult frauds and mystic swindles in the names of Holy Orders. They are Rosicrucian Masters, going quietly about the Master's business, without advertising their greatness to the world or making publication of their photographs in regal robes.

Our Regrets

Never before have we published photographic views or made mention of the unostentatious, yet altogether sufficient, headquarters of the authentic Rosicrucian Order in America, located in the countryside of the main highways. We regret that it has become necessary to do so now, to completely refute the insidious lies and tricky manufactured evidence of an unprincipled impostor and to show the despicable methods of the most unscrupulous and dangerous charlatan and mystic swindler of all times. To do this effectively, we have published photographs of the principal buildings and views of the grounds of the headquarters of the authentic Order as our Exhibits A to M to be found at the end of this Chapter. Compare these with the photos published in Lewis' "Exhibit No. 2" and his statements made concerning our headquarters, form your own opinion and judge him and his crooked, detestable methods accordingly.

Lewis and His "R. C. Temples"

As a component and necessary part of his fraudulent scheme, as a means and a device in aid of its successful promotion, he has had much to say about Rosicrucian Temples. Indeed, in his falsified, puffed-up promotional propaganda, he has from time to time published illustrations of *three* separate, distinct, *"First Rosicrucian Temples"* in America.[2] He has always laid great stress on the material "Temple" constructed of wood, stone and stucco, of gawdy, vulgar appearance, to boast about and use for advertising and propaganda purposes. During his sojourn in Florida, he erected a small replica of an ancient Egyptian Temple, at Tampa,

[2] See Volume I, pp. 392 to 400.

illustrations of which he effectively used for propaganda purposes.[3] With such propaganda, plausible deceptive advertisements and high-powered cunning salesmanship, he has succeeded in fleecing the gullible and the credulous out of millions of dollars, part of which he has used to erect in San Jose, California, on a plot of ground called "Rosicrucian Park," a magnificent array of Egyptian-like structures, which he says are The Rosicrucian Temple, Laboratory, Museum, Press and Administrative Buildings. He publishes gawdy illustrations of these on his letterhead and in numerous cleverly designed booklets and folders. To these, he has given wide and promiscuous circulation as effective propaganda in his constant high-pressure campaign for new, paying and supporting members for his Hierarchal Fraternal Racket. Boastingly, he advertises these buildings as: "THE INSTITUTION BEHIND THIS ORGANIZATION BACK OF THE ADVERTISEMENT,"—*all of which* is contrary to the noble precepts and high ideals of Rosicrucianism.

'Twas Not Always Thus

Mr. Lewis started his checkered career as a fraternal racketeer with superb ideas of material grandeur for his fabricated and spurious R. C. Order. He dreamed of great temples, magnificent grounds and a marvelous institution of marble and alabaster, of gilt and glamour, to glorify his name; to satisfy his vanity; to afford him the luxury of ease—and, of course, to point to in his fabulous propaganda as "the institution behind the advertisement."

But 'twas not always thus. He had read in the books about the humility of Rosicrucian Masters whom he fain would emulate, or rather *imitate,* and of the secluded and modest headquarters of the Order. He had heard that foxes have their holes, but the Great Master of men had not a pillow of his own upon which to lay his head. Accordingly, in the turbulent year of 1918—turbulent and full of woes for the Master of Fabrication and his spurious R. C. Order—when he saw his organization breaking to pieces on the rocks of his own iniquity; his dream of glory and material

[3] See our Booklet, *A Challenge and the Answer, Introduction,* pp. 8 and 9, or Volume I, pp. 136 and 137. While in Florida he boasted that he had completed plans for a $13,000,000 headquarters, and stated that he had been granted permission to draw on the funds of the Great White Brotherhood. *The Mystic Triangle,* June issue, 1926, p. 89.

greatness vanishing into the blue; when money was scarce and after a night spent in jail on a charge of selling worthless bonds,[4] sold to keep up a pretentious worldly show; after he had been hauled down from his perch of worldly ambition and foolish vanity; after he had been humbled unto the dust, and after he felt and experienced something akin to the spirit of true humility, he wrote an article and published it in *Cromaat F*, under the title of "Introspection," from which we will presently quote.

When his fabrication went to smash, the "Most Perfect Master Profundis" knew that he had made a mistake by trying to operate a so-called Rosicrucian Order on a material and commercial basis, but he would not admit it—no, not he—so he put the blame on others. But he did decide, at least for the time being, that he would make his spurious order more like the real and that by better imitating Rosicrucian Masters he might save himself and something from the wreckage to reorganize his R. C. enterprise.

Let us review his lamentations in the vexatious day of his worldly woes and humility, which tell their own story, as follows:

All Italics Ours.

Danger of Lewis Falling Into Materialism! The Material Allured Others but Not a Part of Lewis' Scheme—Oh, No! Of Course Not.

He Saved the "Order" by Dematerializing and Spiritualizing It. So Remarkable—the Spiritualization Came So Suddenly and Quickly Departed.

"* * * * Very soon we shall *retire,* exoterically and physically. For a few months during the past year we were in *danger of falling* into the *quagmire of materialism.* The *rapid growth* [!] of the Order had brought with it *greater material possessions* and needs; *to some* the *material body* of the Order became *so attractive, so alluring,* that it *predominated in some of the schemes of the plans for the future.* The realization of this danger became so apparent, finally, that immediate steps were taken to *prevent such a catastrophe* for our Order. All would have been proper and *appropriate for other similar movements,* but *not for us.* So, we have *arisen from the valley of temptations of materialism long before one fatal step was taken;* and, today, we are *stronger spiritually* than ever, and less, *much less, susceptible to the temptations* of our materialistic environment. * * *"[5]

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[4] See Chapter Five for further particulars and an account of his arrest in New York City in June, 1918.

[5] Cromaat, p. 21. A private publication in which the Imperator delivered his personal messages to his members, and sold publicly for fifty cents each for cash.

For Others—"But Not for Us"

These are the words of cunning of an arch-pretender, a shrewd promoter of mystic frauds and racketeer in spirituality—all subsequent acts in connection with the promotion and operation of his fraternal enterprise belie those fair words and noble expressions. Truly he knew the high ideals, spiritual aspirations and non-commercial nature of the Order of the Rosy Cross—so he placed the blame of his materialistic failure on others and, by fair pretensions, proposed to better imitate the true order and its Masters. But there is more that is equally astounding—and also as disgusting. Continuing his swan song of failure and his efforts to rebuild his fraternal swindle on the ashes of despair, he says:

For the Present He Would Be Modest—Humble—Meek—Like Real Rosicrucians.

Shakes Off the Shackles of Enslaving Materialism.

Spiritually Assumed for Good of All.

"We shall not attempt, *for the present,* to buy or build a Supreme Temple or national headquarters. We will, rather, confine all our efforts to making more efficient any suitable executive offices or workrooms we can secure at the most nominal expense. In this way, *we shall unburden ourselves* of the present *material shackles* and remain free of the *limitations* and *enslaving* conditions of *materialism.* Every effort will be put forward to grow stronger *spiritually* and *esoterically* so that the greatest good to the greatest number may result. * * *

Disgustingly Remarkable—Compare These Statements With His Statements Today, Such as *"The Institution Behind the Advertisement."*

"Can this be said of an *elaborate structure,* its greatest assets *being material things* which can be enjoyed only by those who contact them personally? *Is it right* that the Supreme Headquarters *should involve such an expense* and consist of such assets as are *wonderful to view,* inspiring to think, and *impressive from a worldly point of view,* without even supplying the executives therein all the comfortable and *efficient means to do the greatest amount of good work for the greatest number of members?*

The Imperator Turns His Back on Great Material Temples Forever! Capital Emphasis Ours.

"Such is the *monument to material* growth that some have desired for us, and the IMPERATOR HAS TURNED ALL SUCH PLANS ASIDE AND WITH ONE SWEEP HAS CAST INTO OBLIVION FOREVER SUCH IDEAS OR PLANS."[6]

[6] *Cromaat F.,* p. 23.

Ideas of Great Temples "Cast Into Oblivion"

In those days when he was casting great material temples into oblivion and also casting off the limitations and shackles of materialism, he visioned in his imagination and penned a picture of a real and typical Rosicrucian headquarters, far from the madding materialism of cunning schemers in seething cities—money-mad by day and pleasure-wild by night—where a real Rosicrucian Master might humbly conduct the affairs of the Order for the greatest good of the greatest number. Here is the picture:

Could It Be Possible—The "Imperator" Secluded in a Humble Structure Befitting His Humility? Impossible for a Fraternal Racketeer!

The Capital Emphasis Is Ours.

This is a Splendid Description of Beverly Hall and the Headquarters of the Rosicrucian Fraternity in America—Compare This With His "Exhibit No. 2," the "Temple Barn" and "Farmhouse" Statements.

Pictures Himself as a Rosicrucian Master—But His Worldly Ambitions, Love for Show and Deception Spoiled the Picture.

Such Pilgrims Come to Beverly Hall, the Home of the Order in America.

The Temple of Alden Is Now in the City of

"Soon the Imperator's study and workroom, like unto the workrooms of his associates, will be off in some *secluded place,* in a *humble structure* befitting the *humility of spirit* and nature *predominating in all our thoughts and acts.* [Think of it! ! !] PICTURE THE HUMBLE, LOWLY STRUCTURES OF WOOD, NESTLED CLOSELY TOGETHER ON ONE OF GOD'S WONDROUS LAWNS OF GRASS AND FLOWERS, FAR FROM A CITY'S NOISE AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, WHERE QUIET AND PEACE ABOUND, WHERE THE SONGS OF BIRDS AND SWAYING OF BOUGHS OF THE TREES SOFTLY ADD A NOTE OF LIFE TO THE STILLNESS OF A TEMPLE'S SACREDNESS. HERE, WITH NAUGHT ELSE TO DO OR THINK OF BUT THE MESSAGES OF JOY AND WORDS OF LIGHT TO BE PREPARED AND SENT BROADCAST TO OUR MEMBERS, THE GREATEST EFFICIENCY IN SPREADING THE GREATER LIGHT WOULD EXIST. With those whose lives are associated with us, *sacrificing* the former worldly pleasures, *foregoing* the conventional homes and social practices and *living* in communion with God and nature *for the good of our fellow beings,* this and *nothing more* is *appropriate, necessary* and *efficient* for the cause [*i.e.,* for real Rosicrucians and the true Order of which he speaks correctly but imitates poorly].

"To such a *haven of Peace* and *work* will come, from time to time, those *Pilgrims of Light* who reach the degree of full understanding and perfect attunement.

"In each State will be the Grand Lodge of executives caring for the worldly matters of the Order,

San Jose, Where the Royal Revenues of the Family Racket Are Received. How Different Now.

while at the *Temple of Alden, on the green hill,* twenty-four hours' travel, perhaps, from the nearest railroad, *will dwell the esoteric workers* with their *small* sanctum, laboratory and library.

"How different a picture from that painted by our over-ambitious zealotors!"[7]

Hypocrites and Vipers

How different the picture today as painted in the reality of shame and fraud by the over-ambitious racketeers in brotherly love and spirituality! What shall we say of this creature who in 1918 described his "Temple of Alden on the green hill," a small sanctum, far from city and railroad; who in 1928 erected a Temple to Mammon, in the name of a Holy Order and dedicated it to fraternal racketeering; and who, in his mad idolatry for the Golden Calf, completely refutes and casts into oblivion forever his fair Temple of Alden and with calumnious sarcasm refers to the modest secluded headquarters of the authentic Order, situated on a hill, nestled closely together on one of God's wondrous lawns of grass and flowers, as the *"farmhouse"* with a *barn for a Temple?* What shall we say? Words fail us.

Perhaps it was such creatures that the Great Master of Galilee referred to as the "scribes and Pharisees," who had usurped the seat of Moses and of whom in his righteous indignation he said:

> "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess, . . . for ye are like unto white sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. . . . Ye serpents, ye generations of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"[8]

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[7] *Cromaat F.,* pp. 23, 24.

[8] Matthew, 23:25, 27, 28, 33.

Concerning Pagan Symbols

On page 10 of *White Book D,* at the place indicated by "14" on our reproduction,[9] he says that we have taken symbols of old pagan cults and adopted them. In his "Exhibit No. 2" he shows our signature or the symbol of our house, marked "4," on our reproduction of his said exhibit,[1] and says: "Who ever heard of the Satanic snake being entwined around the Divine Rosy Cross, or the Eyptian Beetle taking the place of the sacred Rose, on the Cross?" It matters not to him how inconsistent nor how ridiculously inaccurate he may be—these are of minor *importance,* if he can discredit Clymer and destroy the true Order of the Rosy Cross in America, and save himself and his racket. Yes, *anything* dirty or low, crooked or detestable, deceitful or otherwise to save himself, to protect his egotistical, specious vanity and his fraternal enterprise.

Such statements concerning the cross, snake, rose and Egyptian beetle, we should expect from a pseudo-occultist, unlearned in the deeper mysteries and also from a Master of the Black Arts of deception, self-laudation, self-aggrandizement, and self-enrichment. However, his comments above quoted become interesting in view of the fact that he has repeatedly declared that his so-called R. C. Order and family enterprise is not a religious organization and that:

> "The cross has no religious significance, as it was used as an ancient symbol before Christianity. Its true meaning is the material body of man with arms outstretched in salutation."[2]

Profoundly illuminating, truly enlightening and worthy (?) of acceptance by all who seek salvation; that is, regeneration and immortality. Thus Lewistonianism and profundity become one—that is how he became "The Most Perfect Master Profundis." At last the secret is out!

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[9] See Our Reproduction No. 33 at the head of this chapter.

[1] See Our Reproduction No. 34, at the head of this chapter.

[2] *The Wisdom of the Sages,* p. 18, one of his propaganda booklets.

And He's a 33°, 90°, 97° *Mason Too!*

He claims to be, by foreign initiation or by honorary membership, a 33° Scottish Rite Mason, and beyond that up to the 97° of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim. *If* he is a Mason, then his brethren of the *Rose Croix* degree of the Scottish Rite, the most Christian of all Masonic degrees, will no doubt feel highly honored and greatly enlightened by his learned and truly wonderful interpretation of the true significance of the Cross. And when the *Knights of the Brazen Serpent*[3] are informed that he has charged us with using a "pagan" symbol like unto their own they will be highly gratified and, no doubt, will rise up as one man, pay homage to the Sage of San Jose and declare that a Daniel has come to pronounce judgment and deliver us from our ignorance!

The True Significance of the Cross

The Cross is a Christian symbol, symbolizes the same great truth in Christianity which it has always symbolized in the Ancient Wisdom, the Mysteries and all Secret Schools of Initiation, ancient or modern. Its meaning has never changed. It is and ever has been the symbol of salvation; that is, regeneration by which we change or transmute the gross and unworthy to the finer or the good. It symbolizes the raising of the carnal man to the God-like man or Christic being. In ancient Egypt it stood for salvation where Moses learned its true meaning—and, so, its significance never changed, until Lewis changed it. However, before that, the Rosicrucians had adopted the Christian as well as the ancient interpretation in its most esoteric meaning and significance.

Esoteric Interpretation

The Cross is the symbol of the One Eternal God, the Supreme Being, Infinite and Absolute. The upright I symbolizes God, the Absolute. The cross-arm, all that IS besides God. The Cross has the same meaning to the Christian that the Staff of Hermes had to

[3] See Symbol of the Knights of the Brazen Serpent, our Reproduction No. 35, lower left, at the close of this chapter.

the Egyptians. The two Serpents on the Staff[4] symbolize Positive and Negative—Male and Female—the Action and Reaction in all Nature, which must be brought to work together, harmonized, to Act and React and to ultimately transmute the lower nature and RAISE IT UP and *unite it with* the One Central God. The Upright, Central Pole of the Cross or Staff is the indivisible, indestructible Number 1 or the *one,* from whence everything has come and to which everything must return. It is Unity in Divinity—the Sublime Fountain of Everlasting *Life, Love* and *Light* of the Rosicrucians.

The Satanic Snake

Mr. Lewis says that we have adopted the Satanic Snake as a part of the symbol of our house. Well, of all the living, he should best know exactly what a Satanic Snake is—and *he does know.* His daily life is full of them and they writhe and crawl and hiss within his fraudulent enterprise and mystic swindle. The Serpent, like the Cross, is widely used in symbolism—when it crawls on its belly in the dust, or is indicating the downward trend, like the inverted triangle, it becomes and is a *satanic snake.*[5] When the serpent is entwined upon the Cross with its head upward, it is a symbol of salvation. Perhaps he forgets[6] that an Egyptian Initiate, one of the Masters of the Wisdom, raised *"The Brazen Serpent"* in the wilderness to save the children of Israel, when they had been guilty of worshipping the "serpent creeping in the dust,"[7] that is, misusing or carnally using their creative and regenerative forces.

Since our learned master loves "ancient" things and simply goes into ecstasy over "ancient manuscripts" from which he has obtained his teachings—well, possibly a few of them—may we not quote

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[4] See *Hermetic Symbol Messenger of Peace,* lower right, our Reproduction No. 35, at the close of this chapter.

[5] See our Reproduction No. 36 of the *Satanic Snake* crawling on its belly in the dust beneath the Rosy Cross as used by Lewis.

[6] Although the time was when he well knew the significance of the Serpent in symbolism or should have known, because he published an article under his pen name "Hatcheup" in the *American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1917, on the subject of the Serpent which we will presently quote at length.

[7] See our Reproduction No. 37, at the end of this chapter.

from an *Ancient Manuscript:*

Moses, the Egyptian Initiate. RAISE IT UP.	"Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.
Who Has Sinned—*i. e.,* Defiled Himself.	"And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and *set it upon a pole;* and it shall come to pass, that everyone *that is bitten,* when he looketh upon it, shall live.
THE SERPENT UPON A CROSS. *Italics Ours.*	"And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it *upon* a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."[8]

The Savior When Lifted Up

Thus we see that the serpent *lifted up,* upon a pole, rod, staff or cross, is symbolical of the healing force and salvation. It is the symbol of the *Healer* as it is also the symbol of the savior—this must be true, since healing and saving are synonymous.

Perhaps he has forgotten, or never fully appreciated, the lesson taught in the incident that occurred when Moses and Aaron appeared before Pharaoh to prove their power. There we see Moses casting a stick upon the ground and it became a creeping serpent. It was the uplifted serpent that gave Moses the leadership over his people and enabled him to take them out of bondage from the "land of Egypt," here used symbolically for the "state" of ignorance. It was, therefore, the symbol of salvation or freedom.

Æsculapius, the Greek God of Medicine, existed in symbols centuries before the Christian era; even then the serpent on the cross was the symbol of healing. However, the serpent as a symbol of both degeneration and of regeneration had an origin far beyond the ken of history. It is, therefore, possible that the symbolism of Moses with his serpent upon the Cross is a modification of the *staff* and the two serpents which was the insignia of Æsculapius—now the symbol of the modern physician.

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[8] Numbers, 21:7, 8, 9. This reference to the verses in the same Chapter of the Book of Numbers was made by Lewis in the article which we shall presently reproduce in full.

Lewis Knew Better

When he reproduced the symbol of our house or our signature in his "Exhibit No. 2" and made the abusive remarks and nasty insinuation about us using a Satanic Snake entwined around the Divine Rosy Cross, he knew better and, so knowing, his actions were entirely without justification. Several years ago he collected from various publications and authentic sources considerable interesting data relating to the Symbolism of the Serpent, which he published under one of his many *nom de plumes* in his then official organ. The article, *in full,* with our marginal notes, is as follows:

Italics Ours.
Divine as Well as Satanic.

"Probably the *most universally used symbol is the serpent.* We find it in all countries and either as a *good* or *evil emblem.*

"The origin of this animal as a symbol is found to be the constellation Scorpion, which by the ancient astrologers was regarded as the harbinger of Darkness and Winter. In the mythology of the ancients, the scorpion, or serpent, was representative of the destructive period necessary to regeneration, and *no true advancement was possible* without first *conquering the 'serpent,'* and *through it attain illumination.* The Adept Kings of Egypt bore upon their foreheads the uraeus, or *sacred serpent,* signifying that they had achieved this end. In the Cabbala we find that the number of the word *Messiah* and word *serpent* are *identical, i.e.,* 358. Read the verses 5-9, Chapter XXI, Book of Numbers, how Moses was directed to place before his followers the image of *the serpent lifted up,* or *directed upward upon a pole,* that 'those who were bitten' might have knowledge of its *upward direction,* govern it, *be regenerated and live.*

An Ancient Symbol of Regeneration and Illumination.

Messiah, *i.e.,* Savior and Uplifted Serpent Are Identical.

When He Said What He Said, He Knew of Moses Lifting Up the Brazen Serpent for Regeneration.

"The serpent is representing the spinal column in man's body through which the solar force manifests on the physical plane. In its passage from one ganglion to another its voltage is raised, and it awakens the power peculiar to each ganglion which it dominates. *Knowledge as to the development and control of this force has been sacredly guarded in all* ages, lest man, through ignorance, should employ it to his destruction.

Refers to Serpent Power as Taught in the East. He Should Read His Own Article and Be Ashamed.

The Ancients Understood the Symbolism of the Serpent.

"The Persians, the Greeks, the Hebrews, the Hindus and the Chinese, yes, even the Norsemen, all *give prominence to* the serpent with various interpretations.

The Crawling Serpent That Poisoned the Foot—That Is the Old Devil and That Symbolizes Death and Destruction.

"In the Zend-Avesta Ahriman, the principal of Evil made the great serpent of winter the arch-enemy of the creation of Ormuzd. In the Greek, Apollo is represented as destroying Python, and Hercules slays the monster who *poisoned the foot* of Philoctetes. It was a serpent that tempted Eve, and in the New Testament the Devil is spoken of as 'that Old Serpent the Devil.' In India, it appears among the emblems of Siva Rowdva, *typical of death* and *destruction.* In China, the Dragon and the Serpent are the fifth and sixth signs of their Zodiac. The God Fo-Hi was said to have the body of a man ending in the tail of a serpent. It is on the banner of the Emperor as well as on his scepter. In the Norsemen Eddas we find Fenrisulfven in a form of a serpent representing the power of darkness. In fact, in every country this symbol is paramount on monuments, ornaments or in mounds.

When Lifted Up As Used by Us in Our House, It Is the Great Lightbearer, the Hope of Humanity.

"The Serpent, like Lucifer, is the lightbearer, strange as it may seem, and *in the serpent is the great hope of humanity,* as well as the fulfillment of the mystic's dream when the great year of Plato begins anew and humanity is once more *'raised'* to the state of happiness and power from which it has fallen."[9]

The Symbology of the House of Clymer

In our *House,* Coat of Arms, or Signature, the Serpent is used with a double meaning; first, as the physician, the Healer; and secondly, as a teacher of salvation and philosophy. Will the reader kindly turn to our Reproduction No. 35, at the close of this chapter, and note the illustrations on the right? The upper one is the original symbol of the healer. The lower one is the modernized form of the Caduceus of Hermes, the present symbol of the physician. These tell their own story. Thus it does appear that we HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO THE USE OF SYMBOLISM IN THIS DOUBLE

[9] *American Rosae Crucis, July, 1917,* pp. 120, 121.

SENSE. When the healing, saving, regenerating serpent is thus *raised up,* it forms an "S,"[1] the initial of our middle name, and this "S" is *raised* between the other initials of our name, the "R" and the "C," which are also the initials of Christian Rosenkreutz, the mythical Father of the Fraternity—the symbolic letters of the Rose Cross. Thus it is revealed that the Clymer Coat of Arms is truly symbolic of both the Physician and the Rosicrucian teacher. Therefore, in the light of Lewis' published interpretations of the symbology of the serpent in 1917—before he deemed it necessary to destroy us—and in view of his recent use of the Satanic Snake crawling on its belly beneath the Holy Rosy Cross,[2] his recent scurrilous reference to our use of the Cross and the Serpent falls back into the black pit of his own heart, like a creeping, hissing, writhing viper, from whence it came, to shame and torment him.

Concerning Scarabs

It also appears that the pseudo-Rosicrucian, with writhing vipers of bitter vituperation in his bosom, finds much fault with the use of the Egyptian Beetle or Scarab in the symbol of our House, Insignia or Coat of Arms. With poisonous hatred he scornfully asks: "Who ever heard of * * * the Egyptian Beetle taking the place of the Sacred Rose on the Cross?"[3] Despite his deep concern about the misuse and abuse of the "Sacred Rose," he should not feel so bad nor should his followers be too quick to conclude that any serious Rosicrucian mistake has been made or any great wrong or severe violence has been done to the Sacred Rose of the Rosy Cross by a Rosicrucian. Because, after all, when the "much ado about nothing" has subsided, and those who listen to the Lewistonian ballyhoo stop listening and begin to investigate, it will be found that "The Sacred Rose" and the awful Egyptian Beetle (Scarabæus) symbolize the same thing, stand for the same truth and are synonymous symbols.

For the benefit of those who may hastily jump at conclusions or who have been misled by the sophistry of a pseudo-Rosicrucian, and

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[1] See our Reproduction No. 37 and note that when the Brazen Serpent is raised upon the Cross it forms the letter "S" and is the symbol of healing and regeneration.

[2] See our Reproduction No. 36 at the end of this chapter.

[3] See our Reproduction No. 34 of Lewis' "Exhibit No. 2." Note our primary Coat of Arms, insignia or signature, marked "4," and his ugly insinuating statements.

also because the subject is of general interest to students of the occult and symbolism, we shall quote briefly from a few of the many authorities on the subject:

A. Moret, in his book, *The Nile and Egyptian Civilization,* at Page 370, says:

Italics Ours.

He Who Becomes.

Symbol of Rising Sun.

"The Helopolitans adopted the Scarab as one of the *'Becomings'* of the Sun. The Sun Ra was a Scarab Beetle (Kheperer), rolling his ball in the sky. Kheperer sounds like the verb 'kheper,' *to become. 'He who becomes'* was the word for the *rising sun."*

The Scarab, or Beetle, kheperer, was the symbol of the God Knorpi or Khepera, and *represented generation, new life, virility and resurrection.* The *heart symbol of the seat of life* in the bodies of gods, animals and men, and *emblem of the conscience*; it brought to the wearer the protection of both Osiris and Ra. The heart was associated with the Scarab and the same "hekau" or words of power were written on the heart and on the heart-scarab. The importance of this amulet is shown by the fact that in the *Book of the Dead*, by Budge, a well-recognized authority, six chapters are devoted to the Scarab and the heart.

It may be that the recent book, *The Wisdom of the Egyptians,* by Brian Brown, will be available to more students. Accordingly, we quote from it. At page 250, the author says:

Italics Ours.

If the Scarab Signified No More, Its Use in Our House Is Justified and Proper Usage in Symbolism.

The Reason for the Symbolic Meaning of the Scarab Should Be Clear to All.

"The Scarab was the symbol of KHEPERA, a form of Sun-god who transforms inert matter into action, *creates life* and *typifies the glorified spiritual body* that men shall possess at the resurrection.

"From the enormous number of Scarabs that have been found, this must have formed the most popular of the talismans. The symbol was derived from a beetle common in Egypt, which deposits its eggs in a ball of clay, the action of the insect in rolling this ball along the ground being compared with the sun itself in its progress across the sky; and as the ball contained the living germ which (under the heat of the sun), hatched out into a beetle, so the Scarab became the symbol of creation.

"It is also frequently seen holding the *disk of the*

Sun Disk, Scarab and the Rose Are of Similar Symbolic Significance.

All These Things Are Symbolized by the Rose on the Cross. Especially the Evolution of the Soul.

sun between its claws, with the *wings extended,* and it is thought by some authorities that the Scarab was taken as an emblem of the sun, because the burial of its ball was symbolic of the setting sun from which *new life arises at each dawn.*

"It is said that the Scarab was associated with the burial as far back as the fourth dynasty (about 4600 B. C.); it represented matter about to pass from the state of *inertness into active life,* so was considered a fitting *emblem of resurrection and immortality, typifying not only the sun's disk, but the evolution of the Soul throughout eternity.*"

After All, He Is Fond of Beetles

Especially the Salable Variety

Once upon a time, the "Most Perfect Master Profundis" of incomprehensible inconsistencies thought well of the Egyptian Beetles, and still esteems them as valuable articles of merchandise to be sold to the gullible by a fraternal racket for the benefit of its Royal Revenues, as we shall see presently.

In the early days of his adventure in fraternal racketeering, when he was collecting material from occult publications for the fabrication of his "Ancient and Mystical" fraternal swindle, he collected and published some very interesting facts about the ancient *Scarabæus* or Egyptian Beetle, as follows:

All Italics Ours.

The Scarab an Ancient Symbol Like the Serpent.

From This He Should Have Known Its Symbolical Meaning, and if He Understands the Symbolism of the Rose, He Should Not Have Said What He Said About Our Use of the Scarab.

"Foremost among the many symbols of antiquity is undoubtedly the *Egyptian Scarabæus,* and unlike other *ancient symbols* it is the only one which has not received universal adoption, like the *serpent,* the cross, the pentagram, or other geometrical figures.

"The Scarabæus is a beetle of which no female specie is known to exist. The male Scarabæus produces the element of life, rolls it in a ball of earth, and leaves it to be brought to birth by the warmth and life-giving forces of the Sun. Therefore, the *Scarabæus* became the *fitting symbol of the Divine or Solar Life Force in man,* placed in the earth sphere that it may be regenerated and brought to *'the birth from above'* by the rays of the Solar Force.

"The figure of this beetle was the *holy emblem of*

Emblem of Osiris. Symbol of Light.

Osiris, the *finite symbol of the Omnipotent Eye of the Sun,* the *Light of the Logos,* which in manifesting and energizing becomes what may be described as living conscious electricity of incredible voltage and hardly comparable to the form of electricity known to the physicist.

Symbolizing the Awakening or "Raising Up"—Then How Could It Take the Place of the Sacred Rose on the Cross?

"The Egyptians replaced the heart of their dead by a stone scarabæus, and it is certainly a mute evidence that the ancient Egyptians had positive knowledge of that center in the human heart whose *awakening* or *'raising up'* to a *higher plane of evolution or consciousness reveals to man the vista of his immortal destiny.* 'Homage to thee, O Governor, of those who are in Amentet, who dost make men and women to be *born again.'*—Papyrus of Nu-Nefer."[4]

The Scarab and the Rose

Synonymous Symbols

To those who are familiar with the meaning of the symbolism of the Rose, verily it does appear, from the Lewis publications as well as from authentic sources, that the Egyptian Scarab symbolizes the same truth, the same state of *becoming,* development and unfolding of the Soul as the Rose. However, the symbolic meaning of the Scarab is, perhaps, more all-inclusive of occult and secret virtues which many may develop and some now possess, than the Rose; since the symbolic meaning of the rose is confined to the development of the Soul or to Soul Illumination. Thus it does appear that the symbolism of our *House* or personal *Insignia* and *Signature* is good and correct symbolism, that it is true Rosicrucian symbolism and does not run counter to or, in the *slightest* degree, violate the sacred teachings and high ideals of the august Fraternity.

The Imperator and the Scarabs

When he fabricated his spurious R. C. Order, now operated as a family enterprise, he adopted as the "seal of the Founder"—a seal for himself—in which the Scarab or "Egyptian

[4] *The American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1917, p. 120.

Beetle" is the most prominent symbol. In the margin hereof is a reproduction of his seal from page 30 of Cromaat B, purporting to be all the symbols and a photograph of "Original Paper of French Sponsorship," of AMORC, being "Pronunziamento F. R. C. No. 987601."[5] He has continuously, unto this day, conspicuously used his "Beetle Symbol Seal" in his publications.[6]

Now, since the "founder" of a spurious Order uses the Egyptian Beetle in his Seal, it certainly does not lay in his mouth to criticise the Supreme Grand Master of the authentic Order for using it in the symbol of his House.

He Sells Egyptian Scarabs

Some time ago, he discovered that the sale of Egyptian (?) Scarabs (made in San Francisco) was a profitable business. Originally he sold them through one of his handy men, the then head of his "Welfare Department," as though he had nothing to do with it. Now he sells them openly in the name of his fraternal enterprise.

Now, it is more or less generally known that genuine Scarabs cannot leave Egypt unless and until they are certified as being genuine by officials appointed for that purpose. One of the members of AMORC who had bought several of those "San Francisco" Scarabs learned of this ruling and wrote for certificates, and here is the answer:

Italics Ours.

No Official Egyptian Certificates for San Francisco Beetles!

Scarab Symbolizes

"Enclosed you will find two Scarabs which were secured by me in Luxor, Egypt, in February, 1929. Trust you will find them pleasing. *I have no certificates such as you ask about.* The inscriptions invariably refer to the position in life of the wearer and the God of his choice and other significant symbols. Practically all Egyptians wore these symbols in some form, for in general *they signified to them*

[5] These symbols and the French (?) paper of alleged authority or "sponsorship" will be further considered in Chapter Six.

[6] See all Rosicrucian Digests. It appears on every odd numbered page or the right hand pages.

Everlasting Life or Immortality.

'everlasting life' and were thus regarded as most fortunate. * * * "[7]

The admission, "I have no certificates," proves conclusively that they were not genuine Scarabs, that they were grossly misrepresented, and that the buyer, a sincere AMORC student—or member-victim—likewise many others—was crudely imposed upon and defrauded. Moreover, it was petty, contemptible fraud, unworthy even of a fraternal racketeer as cunning as the "Most Perfect Master Profundis."

The next statement, that the Scarab *signifies everlasting life, is significant as far as we are here concerned,* because it is an admission by the Lewis Hierarchy that the Scarab signifies *"Everlasting Life,"* that is, Immortality or Soul Illumination, which is EXACTLY WHAT THE FULL BLOWN ROSE ON THE CROSS SYMBOLIZES—which, of course, is the *Rosy Cross.*

Still Sells Sea Shells

In several recent issues of his *Rosicrucian Digest,*[8] full-page color advertisements have appeared on the front inside cover, containing the most alluring, modern *high-pressure* sales propaganda to fraudulently induce the sale of Scarab rings, manufactured by the gross in San Francisco, as original and genuine Egyptian Scarab rings, for sale by the *Rosicrucian Supply Bureau,* in typical Lewistonian manner and style, as follows:

"Rings of the Gods"

All Italics Ours.

Symbol of Light.

"Lineal descendants of the gods they declared themselves. Proud Pharaohs. Vain, not because they were leaders of men, but because through their veins coursed the blood of immortals. *Ra,* the *god of the sun;* Osiris, *god of light;* and Isis, the beautiful, originator of the arts, were their progenitors. A token had to be given men by which they at all times would know that they were in the presence

[7] The original letter in which this statement appears is in our possession.

[8] See the Rosicrucian Digest, October, November, December, 1935, and other issues. In the issues above mentioned he was advertising for the Christmas trade—rather clever, these Imperators of Fraternal Enterprises and Mystic Swindles.

Symbol of Immortality.

of a work of the mighty Pharaoh. So for the first time in history, the need for a personal seal arose. A scarabæus (small native beetle), adopted as the *symbol of immortality,* was inscribed on its under surface with the name of the Pharaoh and that of his divine ancestor. These inscriptions were in hieroglyph, the first writing of man. Upon all important papyrus scrolls and documents was this seal impressed. The custom spread; the crude scarabs were mounted on narrow silver and gold bands, to be worn on the finger, and became the world's first jewelry.

These Scarabs Came Not From Egypt. Like Other of His Fraudulent Wares, They Were Manufactured in California, U. S. A.

"Today from *Cairo, Egypt,* we have received an assortment of *selected scarabs,* similar to those worn by the ancients, and we have had them mounted on rings as of yore. The rings are exact duplicates of originals to be seen in the Egyptian Museums of AMORC. The design shown in the illustration consists of the *entwined cobra, the sign of royalty,* and the Scarab is mounted on a swivel, so that the mysterious hieroglyphics underneath may be seen. Nothing so breathes the exotic and mysterious air of the *Ancient East* as these rings.

Not a Genuine One in a Carload —But— Reasonably Priced for Quick Clearance.

"These rings are exact duplicates of ancient rings of Egypt. *Every Scarab is a genuine importation* from Cairo, Egypt.

REASONABLY PRICED.

SILVER RINGS, with Scarab, complete, postage paid $3.75

GOLD RINGS, with Scarab mounted complete, postage paid 4.75

SILVER NECKLACE with Scarab mounted (17 in. chain) only ..... 2.75."

And so, this is modern high-pressure salesmanship in fraternal merchandising[9] of "ancient" occult and mystic wares, *newly* made in San Francisco, but "reasonably priced" to be within the means and reach of every curious and gullible prospective victim!

To be sure it depends—it *all* depends—on who deals with the

[9] In Chapter Six we shall consider at some length the extensive merchandising business carried on behind the show-front of fraternal assistance and brotherly consideration, by this non-profit-sharing family racket.

"Egyptian Beetles," and how they are handled and used—also, for what purpose and with what intent, as to whether it is right or wrong.

The Great Difference

Now, it may be perfectly all right for a pseudo-Rosicrucian, running a family racket and occult swindle in the Holy Name of the *Rosy Cross,* to sell faked Egyptian Beetles as *"Symbols of Immortality"* to increase the Royal Revenues of a Hierarchy of Fraternal Fraud, but when a Rosicrucian Grand Master uses such a symbol for non-commercial purposes and in an entirely proper manner as a symbol of immortality, it is all wrong, says the mystic racketeer of San Jose—the Baron Munschausen of the occult world—the "Reverend Sobhita Bhikkhu" of the Great White Lodge of Tibet, *also made in San Francisco,* and the "Rex Universitatis Illuminati,"[1] meaning perhaps, in reality, the king of unexcelled, universally mystifying fraternalized illusions—but, "reasonably priced."

Another Misleading Exhibit

On Page 19 of *White Book D* he publishes his "Exhibit No. 3"[2] which is not a photograph of "one of Clymer's large 'conclaves' or annual 'conventions' in the uncultivated ground of his farm," as he falsely states, but of the degree team of the Osirians, taken in June, 1916, at the sixty-eighth semi-annual convocation of the Fraternity of the Rosicrucians in America. He asks us to "note the dragon and 'evil man' figures on the wall of the tent used as a 'temple'." Thus with such unjustified insinuations, falsified sarcastic ridicule and recurring references to "temples" he cunningly attempts to place the authentic order in a false light and at a disadvantage in the eyes of the gullible and uninformed, whom he would victimize, by making it appear ridiculously small and insignificant, with a "vacant barn" or "tent" for a temple, in contrast with the "largest occult organization in the world," with its magnificent temples and "show-off" headquarters, dedicated to mystical merchandising,

[1] See Rosicrucian Manual, Sixth Edition, 1934, p. 12, for some of the titles and pictures of the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Cunning Fraternal Merchandising, which we will reproduce in the next chapter.

[2] Reproduced herein for convenience of reference. It is our Reproduction No. 39 and will be found at the close of this chapter.

predatory ideals and fraternal racketeering. He prefers to talk about the exteriors of magnificent temples—to direct the attention of his victimized members to the outside lest they discover the money-changers within and drive them therefrom with lashes in hand, applied with the fury of righteous indignation.

Willfully Misrepresented

The picture reproduced in his "Exhibit No. 3" is grossly and willfully misrepresented. As stated above, although taken at that time, it is not a picture of those present at the Sixty-eighth Convocation of the Rose Cross Order then assembled in June, 1916, which was one of the largest, most representative and successful convocations held in recent years; it is the picture of the degree team of the *Order of the Sons of Osiris,* and by no means does it indicate the number present at the convocation. He knew all of this and all the facts in connection therewith; therefore, he published the picture, and deliberately misrepresented it with malice aforethought, as a part of his wicked purpose to destroy the real to perpetuate his spurious Rosicrucian Order.

However, he hints at a half truth when he says that the Grove of Osiris has naught to do with the R. C. The claim has never been made that *The Osirians, Sons of Isis and Osiris,* also known as the *Fraternity and Order of Osiris,* is a part of the Rosicrucian Fraternity proper, although it is connected and an auxiliary thereto. In the Classification of Orders, Temples and Degrees of the Grand Fraternity this order is classified as a subordinate, auxiliary and preparatory order.[3] The Rosy Cross is not, in any proper sense, a college of rites. It is truly a school of spiritual training and esoteric teachings in which the neophyte by and through his own efforts and spiritual experiences reaches in his consciousness certain stages of initiation and *becomes*—is not *made*—a Rosicrucian. This is never undertaken or intended to be accomplished by means of symbolical ceremonial rites of initiation. The Fraternity does have a sublime system of Philosophy, treated at length in many books and publications by Rosicrucians. This Philosophy is also taught in preparatory symbolical ceremonial rites as an adjunct to the main order and its esoteric teachings and training. The *Order of the Osirians* is merely an auxiliary, preparatory and outer body of the Fraternity.

[3] See the Pamphlet, *Rosicrucian Names, etc.,* p. 10, or *Volume I,* p. 178.

In that way and only in that manner does it have to do with the R. C.

The Grove of Osiris

The symbolical ceremonial rites of initiation were worked by the very efficient degree team shown in said "Exhibit No. 3" of the Osirians at the Rose Convocation in June, 1916, in a mountain glen and grove especially prepared and excellently well adapted for the impressive working of said rites; and many there were who came to take them and to see them so efficiently administered and worked. These are beautiful preparatory rites, that teach truly and well the exoteric philosophy of the R. C. We are proud of them and value them for the good they have and will accomplish. No student entering the preparatory work of the R. C. or of any other school of spiritual training has had or ever will have any regrets that he or she has passed through these rites. They do not deserve the unjust or sneering sarcastic criticism leveled at them by the fraternal racketeer of San Jose.

Which One Clymer?

Lewis desires to know "which of the strangely dressed mystics" is Clymer. Unfortunately for the effectiveness of his dirty aspersions and back-biting sarcasm, Clymer is not in the picture. However, and fortunately for Clymer, he is not an ego-maniac and has no desire to flaunt his features in the face of the public on every possible occasion. Only once or twice has he permitted his picture to be published. That was years ago; since then he has devoted himself to the Rosicrucian task of conquering the worldly vanities to which mortal man falls heir. If Mr. Lewis regards it a worthy undertaking, he has our permission to imitate it to the best of his ability.

As Reported at the Time

In the limited space to be devoted to this particular matter, we can give you no better idea of the Sixty-eighth Convocation of the Authentic Order of the Rosy Cross in America held in June, 1916, and of the ceremonial symbolical initiatory rites of the *Osirians,* conducted at that time in the Grove of Osiris at the National Head-

quarters of the Fraternity, than to reprint an account of the same,[4] as prepared for the press at the time by Grace K. Morey, of Buffalo, N. Y., and as it appeared in the *Buffalo Express,* issue of July 16, 1916, as follows:

"Ancient Mysteries of Egypt Given in an Initiation of Three Degrees

"Under the authority of the Rose Cross Order, founded in America in 1858, prominent delegates of the Order were gathered in the most remarkable conclave held during the last 5000 years, the publication of whose records now opens to the world the connection of Egypt in her ages of true religion, power and glory, with the Mystic Seal of the United States, whose heraldic symbolism declaring the mighty destiny of America has, until now, only been known to a limited number.

"At 'Beverly Hall' in the beautiful Tohickon valley about four miles from the town of Quakertown, men and women of all ranks of life, and from all parts of the world, high Masons, and members of the Eastern Star, physicians, teachers, authors, and members of all denominations inclusive of the Hebrew, all these assembled at the call of the Grand Master of the Rose Cross Order for the Sixty-Eighth Convocation.

"Some years ago, R. Swinburne Clymer, author of the 'Philosophy of Fire,' 'The Rosicrucians, Their Teachings,' 'Mysteries of Osiris,' 'Soul Science and Immortality,' and over thirty other works, bought a mountainous tract of land, and on this was built 'Beverly Hall,' an assembly hall, press rooms and libraries, and chemical laboratory which, surrounded by orchards, vineyards and rose gardens, set in terraced lawns, presents, with its collie kennels and poultry plants, a splendid combination of the beautiful and practical.

"To this has been added the mystic, for in a secluded and wooded tract of fifty acres of this land, an artificial lake was made from a mountain stream, a throne room

[4] For a full account of the proceedings of the Sixty-eighth Convocation, 1916, see *Fundamental Laws,* Philosophical Publishing Company.

erected and other improvements made which would be needed for the initiation of neophytes in the Egyptian mysteries.

"The Convocation was called to order on June 1 in the assembly hall, built over five years ago for that purpose, and the delivery of a series of lectures upon practical as well as mystical subjects began and continued until the close of the Convocation. The delegates and teachers presented the lectures, which were followed by discussions upon the subjects of Eugenics, Scientific Motherhood, Code of Ethics for the Schools and Home, Spiritual Christianity, Personal Hygiene, Diet and Health, Sin, Authority and Individuality, Jacob's Ladder, Initiation, Reincarnation, Soul Development, The Second Coming of the Christ, and the Mystic Significance of the Seal of the United States.

"In the time of Solomon, as in the times of the Egyptian Priesthood, no ceremony was ever held, unless the circle of Solomon, commonly called the Sacred Seal of Solomon, had been previously prepared, but since the fall of Egypt and of the Temple of Solomon this seal has been practically unknown, except to a limited number of students of ancient religions and mysteries.

"During the first week in June, in the grove especially prepared for the dramatization of the Ancient Mysteries of Osiris, the Seal of Solomon, often called the Magic Circle, was especially built, and on June 11 the dedication of the Magic Circle took place in the presence of the delegates of the Rose Cross Order, some of whom were natives of Germany, England and Russia. This was in accordance with the system as practiced by the ancient priests of Egypt and the Sanhedrin of the Temple of Solomon.

"On the night of June 13 the first section of the class, including those of the Order taking part in the initiation, assembled in the Grove of Osiris, which was illuminated by electricity from a central power house especially prepared for the purpose and the initiation of the Ancient Mysteries of Egypt in three degrees and six scenes.

"All students of the Ancient Mysteries and religions

know that in the Temple of Solomon there were three Courts, the outer Court for the people being composed of seven hundred selected teachers and leaders. These were members of the First Degree, Illuminati, called also seekers, travelers or soldiers. The middle Court, or members of the Second Degree, were seventy in number, and were supposed to be in the Hall of Meditation, and acted as mediators between the people and the inner Sanctuary. Above all was the inner Court, or circle of the Seven Priests, and the Master or High Priest, who were the teachers between God and man, mediators between the seen and unseen.

"In the Egyptian mysteries, the first Court was made up of the royal youth of Egypt, and such students from foreign countries as desired to enter the Temple and Priesthood, and these, during probation, were often known as the 'Soldiers of the Priesthood,' as it was their duty while undergoing the preliminary training and tests to guard the priesthood and its work even to the death.

"The second class, corresponding to a second degree, were those who had passed this test and who were in the Hall of Meditation, and Purification, in preparation of the second, as well as the various stages of development required of all students in the Halls of Meditation.

"In the Royal Third Degree, which took place in the Temple, the neophyte received the final instruction. After this came the final test in the beautiful ceremony of the death of the old life, the giving up of the body and its temptations and the raising of the slain Osiris or Spiritual body by his faithful spouse, Isis, the Soul, with the final Illumination.

"On the fifteenth of June, the first section of the representatives left 'Beverly Hall' for their respective homes and the second section began to arrive for the preparatory lectures, and on the nineteenth of June the ceremonies were repeated so that all might witness the initiation and take part in it, so as to become members.

"So far as can be learned either through travel or history, never before, since the fall of Egypt and its priesthood and the fall of the Temple of Solomon, has there

ever been a grove, a lake to represent the Nile, a Magic Circle, or a Temple prepared, nor is it believed that anywhere in the world does there exist today such a Circle.

"Nearest to this, however, is Stone-henge of the Druids of Britain, to which their descendants travel each year at a certain time to greet the Sun, and renew their vows.

"This is the first time, therefore, in five thousand years that any order has attempted to build up this sacred emblem under the stately oak, so that people of modern civilization might witness the beauties of the life and religion of the ancient people, whose teachings of individual soul development made the glory of Egypt, the lost dreams of all Israel, the teachings of the Magi of Persia, all that was true in India, the splendid Philosophy of Greece, the magnificence of the early Romans, the basis of pre-Christian Ireland's great schools, as well as the familiar Holy Grail legends of Briton, Celt and Gaul. In this light of Brotherhood of Man and Fatherhood of God was founded this great Republic foretold by Virgil, upon whose seal is set the Egyptian Pyramid, completed by the White stone of Spiritual purification as the crown of the ages.

"The American Constellation of thirteen stars set in the form of a double triangle was foretold by Merlin of King Arthur's Court, and the Philosophy of the Holy Grail and of Egypt's glory and Solomon's Temple has been the day star of every great American statesman from Washington to Abraham Lincoln.

"After the ceremonies in the grove, there was given in the dining room of 'Beverly Hall' at midnight a 'Feast of the Gods,' at which neither meat nor spices formed part of the menu, but only fruits, nuts and other products of sun-kissed foods.

"The conclusion of the rites was held at sunrise in the grove with a musical communion service, in which nectar of roses, distilled from the thirty thousand roses blooming each June upon the lawns at 'Beverly Hall,' was served as emblematic of the wine of the Soul, and for this service the rose bushes were planted several years ago.

"I wish that all the readers of this article might have been present at the preparation, at the building and at the dedication of this Ancient Magic Circle. Or, I wish that I might be able to give a detailed description of these sublime ceremonies. However, I cannot do this here, though I hope that in some future work I will be able to do so. Sufficient be it to say that when the stone, made out of cement by one of the Brothers, was nearly finished, the dedication took place, and the emblems placed in the stone itself before it was completed were:

"The American Beauty Rose in full bloom. This is a representation, or symbol, of the Soul that has reached full illumination.

"The Mystic Ring. This was a solid gold ring, belonging to one of the members present, upon which had been engraved the Cross and Pentagram. All members of the Magi will know what this symbol stands for. The ring itself, as is known to the Magi, is a protecting agent against all evil or malignant influences when worn during any ceremonial or developing work.

"The True Magic Mirror. This is an emblem of the Soul, which, when fully developed, will act as a mirror to the universe wherein may be wisdom and truth.

"Lastly, a complete copy of the private text book, 'Ritualistic Occultism,' which contains the ceremonies as made use of by the Magi, and four of these ceremonials were made use of by four of the Magi, in the dedication of the Magic Circle.

"When all of this had taken place, the stone was completed, and then later in the day the characters were engraved upon the stone by the Brother who had completed the stone.

"Of the midnight 'Feast of the Gods' and of the morning services which took place in the grove it is not lawful for me to speak at this time, but it is my sincere prayer that all who are enrolled in the Sacred Schools may some day be present with us and witness these sublime ceremonies, especially as they are conferred in the Spring of the year.

"Arrangements were made by the delegates present,

through voluntary contributions, to either buy another large grove, or if that is found impracticable, to build a much larger hall in the 'Grove of Osiris' so that advanced ceremonies may be held the coming Spring at the Sixty-ninth Convocation of the Rose Cross Order."

The Mystic Seal of the U. S. A.

The lectures and lessons given at the Sixty-eighth Convocation twenty years ago, on the Great Seal of the United States and its mystical significance, were truly illuminating and become of greater interest since the uncut or reverse side of the Great Seal has been officially used this year for the first time on the new one dollar silver certificates.

They Have Been Fully Answered

We have fully answered all of the false statements, ugly insinuations and malignant sarcastic innuendoes of Mr. Lewis as set forth, in concentrated form, on page 10 of *White Book D*,[5] and as contained in his "Exhibits Nos. 2 and 3."[6] To do so, perhaps we have gone to unnecessary lengths—it may be that we have used heavy artillery, when a pop-gun would have done as well. However, we have taken the pains to give the public a true picture of this unscrupulous fabricator of spurious orders and fraternal racketeer, and have answered his petty subterfuges and despicable acts and methods so completely that his most ardent admirers and most prejudiced followers can find no justifiable defense therefor.

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[5] See our Reproduction No. 33, of page 10 thereof.

[6] See our Reproduction Nos. 34 and 38 of his Exhibits.

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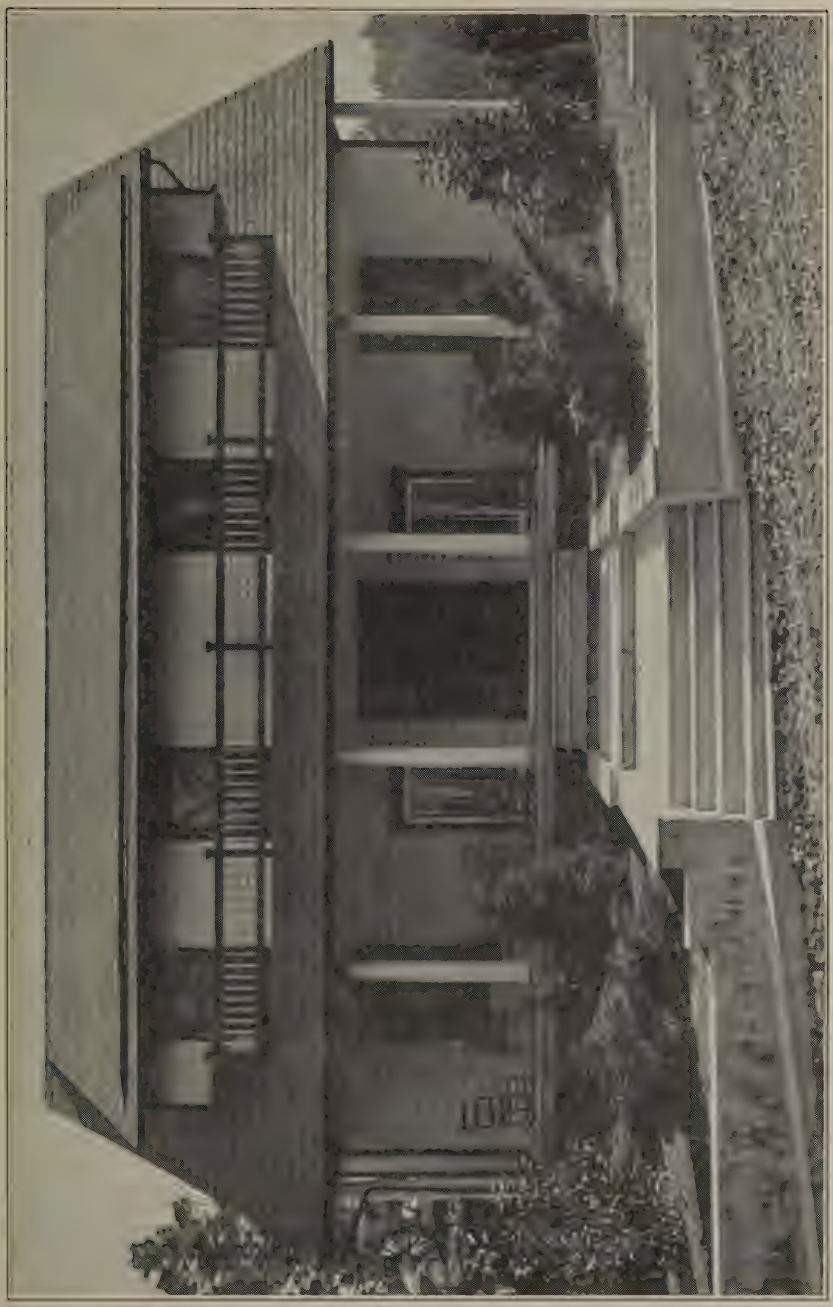


Beverly Hall proper, built in 1911. Front view taken October 1935. Although the Headquarters and estate of the Fraternity is commonly and generally known as "Beverly Hall," this is the SEE of the Order. Compare with Lewis' "Exhibit No. 2" and form your opinion.

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

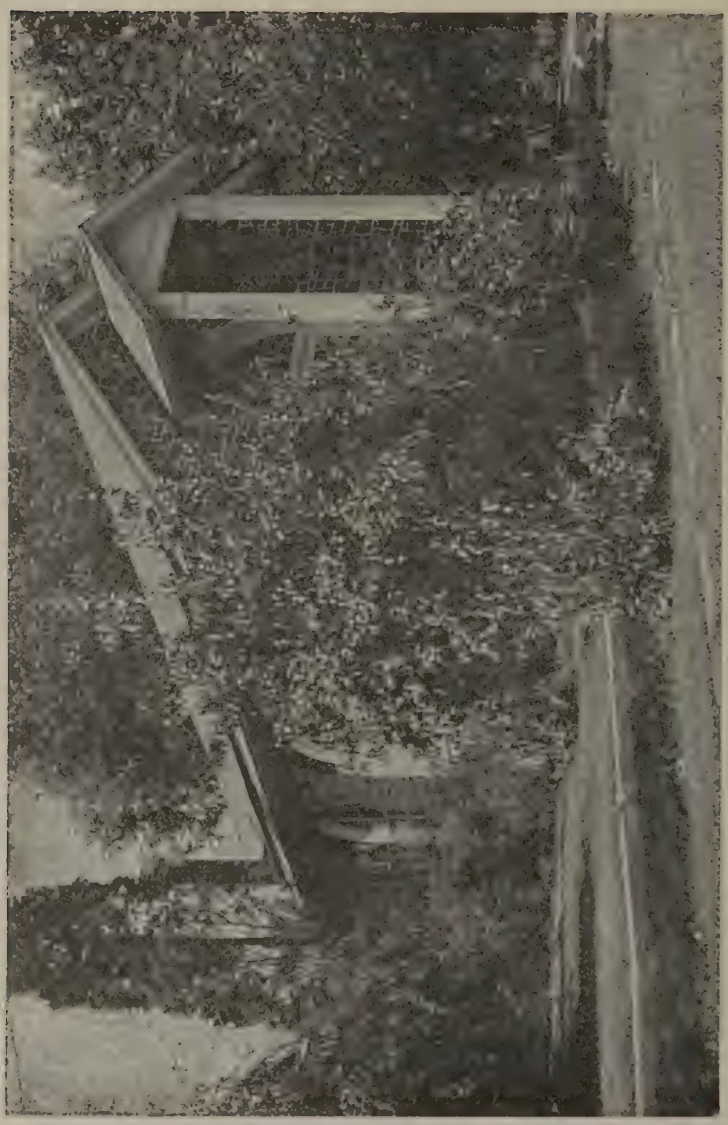
EXHIBIT B

Beverly Hall from the west. Below the Hall, to the left, is the original library. The Conservatory and Greenhouse is seen at the rear, and as a part of the Hall. Adjacent, to the right, is the former printing plant of the publishing company. (See Exhibit G) now used for storage of publications, etc. This building, inferentially referred to by Lewis as the "vacant barn," is 35 x 105 feet in size, well constructed, well kept and is in good state of repair. Compare with his "Exhibit No. 2" and his trick photograph. Note his misrepresentation.

EXHIBIT C

Beverly Hall, front view, looking from the north, taken July 1926, since the Hall has been remodeled, enlarged, refurbished and modernized. Don't you think Mr. Lewis has slandered and libeled this building, as well as grossly misrepresented it?

EXHIBIT D



The Temple at *Beverly Hall*, dedicated at the June Festival of Roses, 1911, to the sacred work of the Rosy Cross—*not* to Mammon, the god of riches and worldliness. With this Temple long existent it is not likely that a non-existent "vacant barn" was pointed out to visitors as the "Supreme Temple." What do you think?

EXHIBIT E

Southern view of the Temple, the hydrangea in bloom and nature smiling. The New Library (Exhibit I) is a few feet south and connects with the Temple by concrete walks.

EXHIBIT F

A promenade looking west from the porch of the Hall. Delightfully pleasant when the sun is hot in June during Spring Convocations and Rose Festivals.

EXHIBIT G

This large building in the Borough of Quakertown, constructed in 1923, is the "little print shop" wherein, Lewis alleges, "a German or Dutch printer" . . . "leaving his hobby of printing to spare-time indulgences in his amateur press shop," where the "pamphlets" (meaning Books Two, Three, Four and Five of Volume I exposing his fraternal racket) were "printed piece-meal by him in his little shop."

He had his spies take several pictures of this building at the same time they took the *tricky* snapshots which he used in his "Exhibit No. 2," but for reasons of his own—apparent to everyone—he did not reproduce or publish any of the pictures of this building as Exhibits in his *White (?) Book D.*

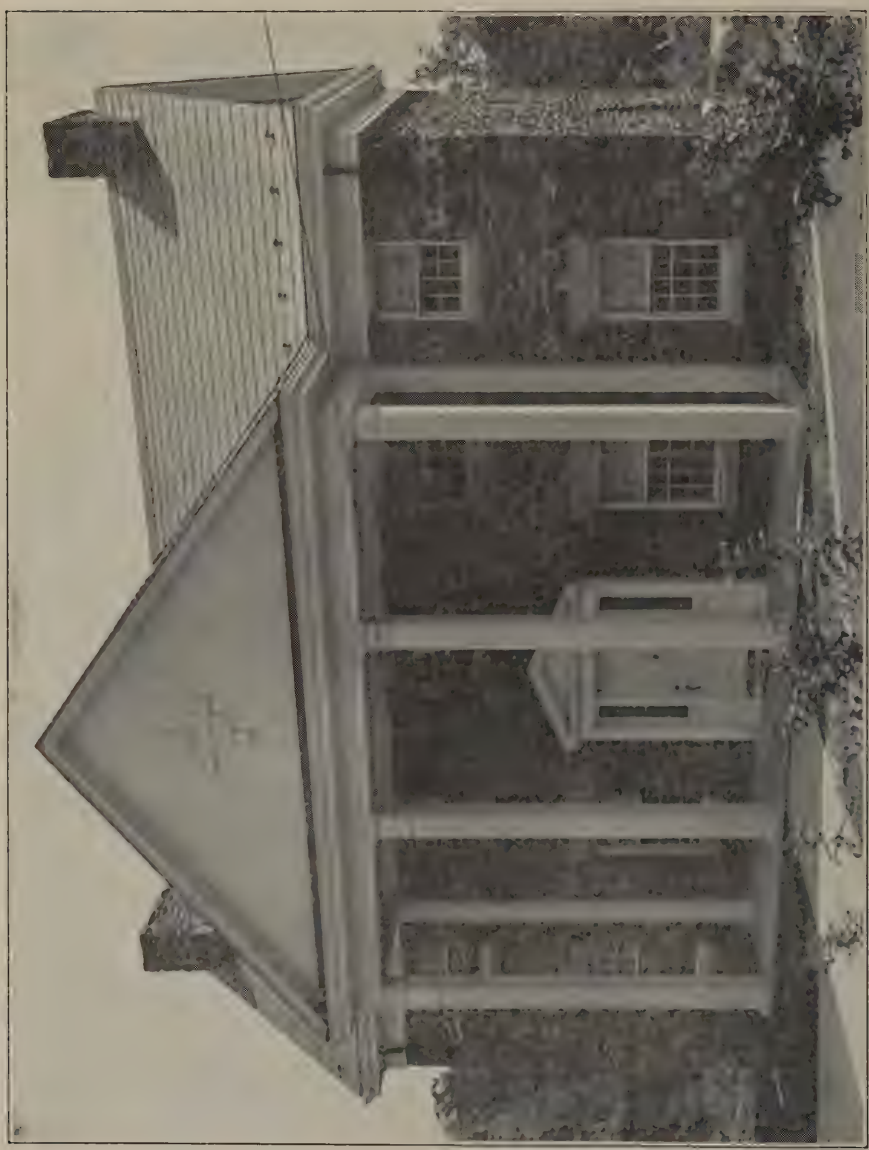
He knows full well that this building houses a modern printing plant electrically operated for the printing and publication of pamphlets, magazines and books. It is owned by the Fraternity and is also used in other ways and for other useful purposes.

This work, *The Rosicrucian Fraternity in America,* in two Volumes, was printed in this "little print shop." For "amateur press" work, we dare say that the work is fairly good.

EXHIBIT H

The Old Office and Second Library Building. In this building, with its chemical laboratories, were kept the rare occult books and precious manuscripts of the Fraternity. These are now housed in the New Library (see Exhibit I). Used for the first time by the Council of Seven for their meeting in June, 1936.

EXHIBIT I



The New Library Building, with private offices for the Grand Master and the Council Chamber for the Councils of *Three, Seven* and *Nine*, was used for the first time during the June Convocation 1936. When the Lewis spies were on the premises taking trick pictures to be published in his *White (?) Book* D, they questioned the workmen constructing this building and were advised that it was the new library building, but Lewis forgot to mention it when he spoke of the "vacant barn" used for the "Supreme Temple."

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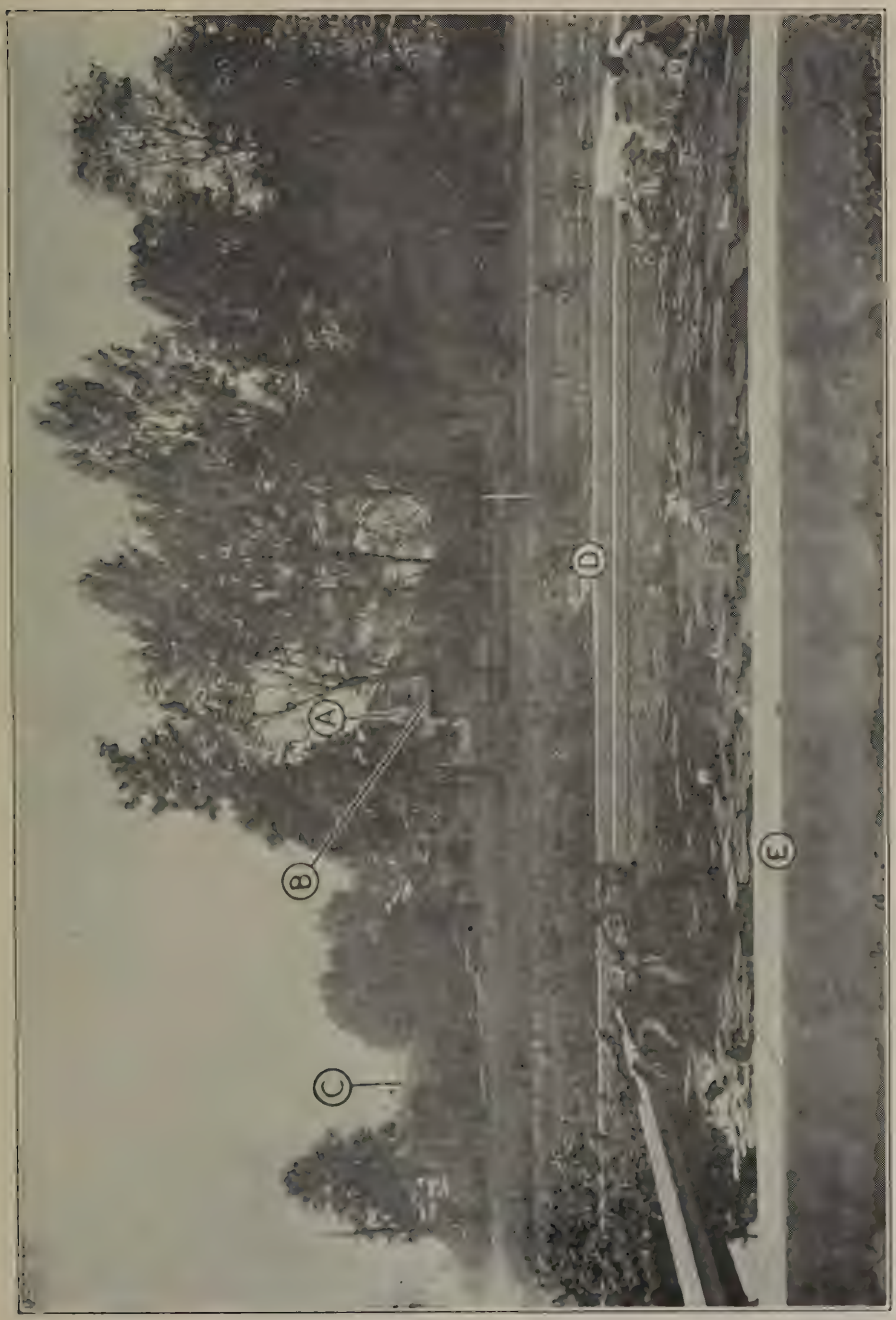
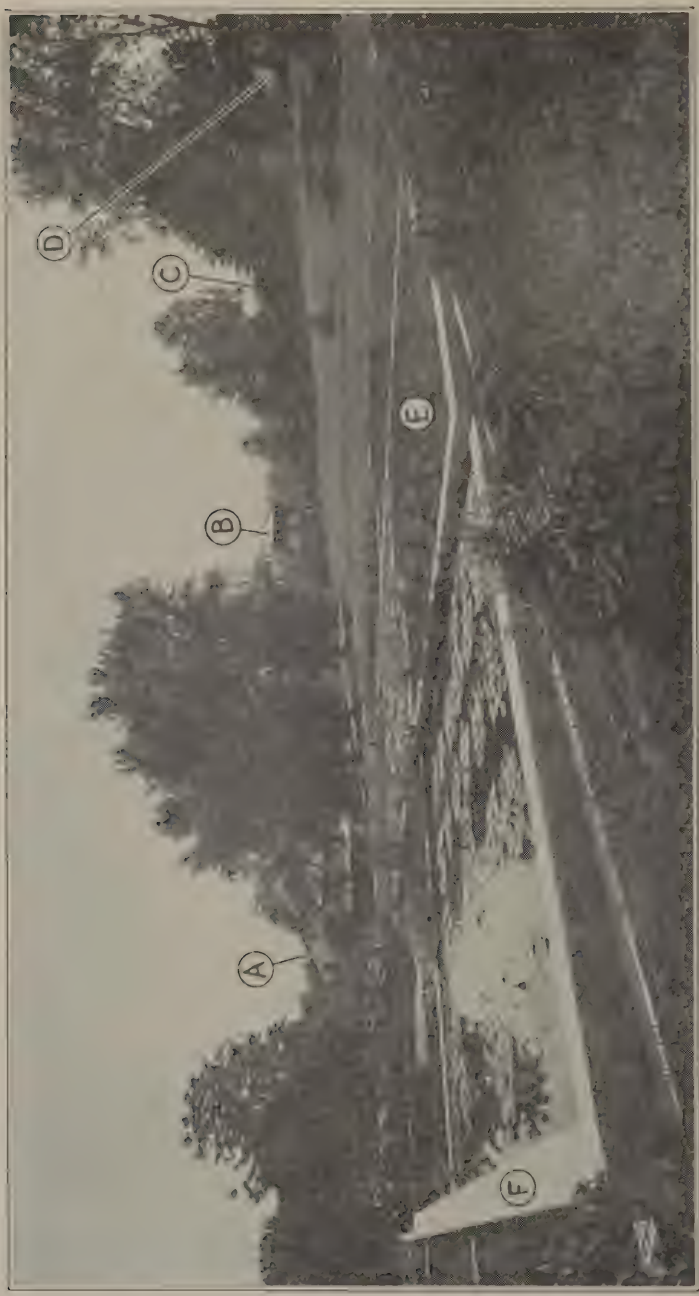


Panoramic view of a part of Beverly Hall Grounds. (A) Beverly Hall proper. (B) Original students' library built in 1908. (C) The Temple—actually the first Rosicrucian Temple constructed by the Order in America. Prior thereto, it did not own a material Temple. (D) Two of the Memorial Rose Gardens. (E) One of the lily ponds containing twenty-eight of the finest tropical lilies.

EXHIBIT K



Panoramic view of a portion of Beverly Hall grounds. (A) Old Library Building. (B) Old building being torn down to be replaced by New Library and Council Chamber Building. (C) Temple dedicated in 1911. (D) New Library Building constructed in 1908. (E) One of the Nine Memorial Rose Gardens. (F) One of the four large lily pools. The third in this row of three pools contains fine specimens of all of the Sacred Lotus of Egypt. During the past season as many as seventy five full blown lilies could be counted in a day, varying from purest white to deep pink. Some are of the rare double creams white sacred lilies.

EXHIBIT K-A

The Lotus Pool—Sacred Lily of Egypt. This is a close-up view of the third pool in Exhibit K. Taken July 31, 1936.

EXHIBIT L

Small view showing corner of the Old Library and Office Building, the well, old oaken bucket and part of the grounds. By many students, considered to be the most delightful spot on the grounds.

EXHIBIT M

One of the lily plants in bloom. There are on an average of 28 such plants in each pool. Some specimen blooms are 10 and 12 inches across. There are four pools. One of these pools contains specimens of all of the known sacred Lotus of Egypt. These are things of beauty, as well as Nature's sacred symbols of deepest meaning.

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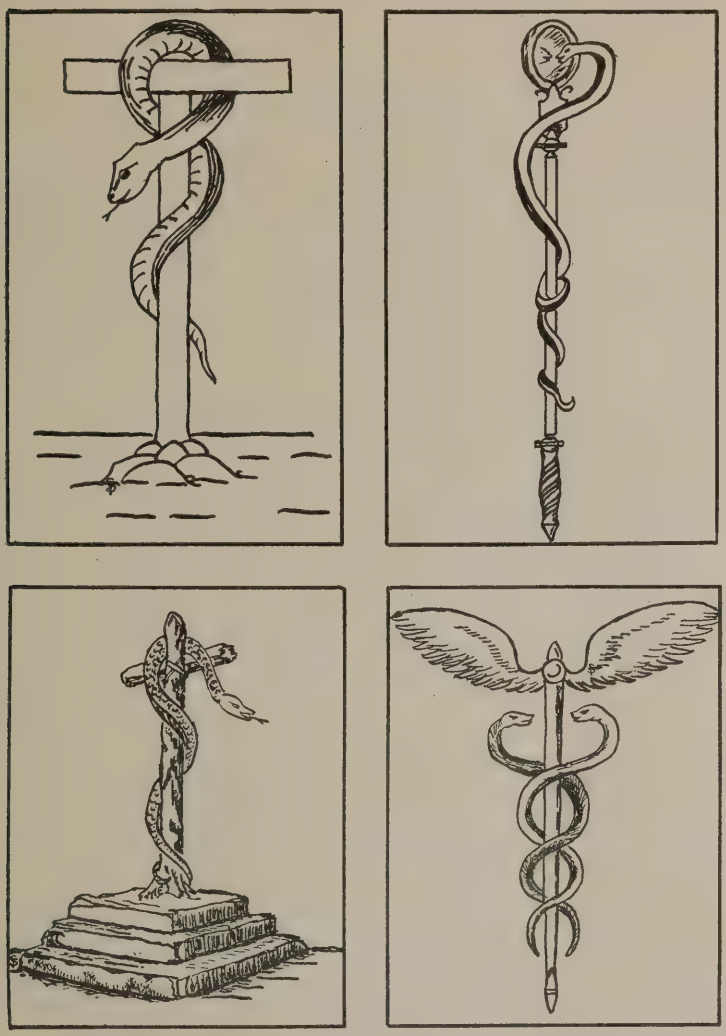

SYMBOLISM OF THE SERPENT ON THE CROSS

Upper left: Tau Cross with uplifted serpent—the Mosaic Symbol of salvation. See our Reproduction No. 37. Lower left: Masonic symbol of the Knights of the Brazen Serpent. Upper right: Original symbol of the physician, healer and teacher of healing or salvation. Lower right: Hermetic symbol, Messenger of Peace—the modern symbol of the physician, healer and teacher. For an excellent study of Serpent symbolism, see *The Encircled Serpent,* by M. Oldfield Howey, David McKay Company, Philadelphia, Pa.

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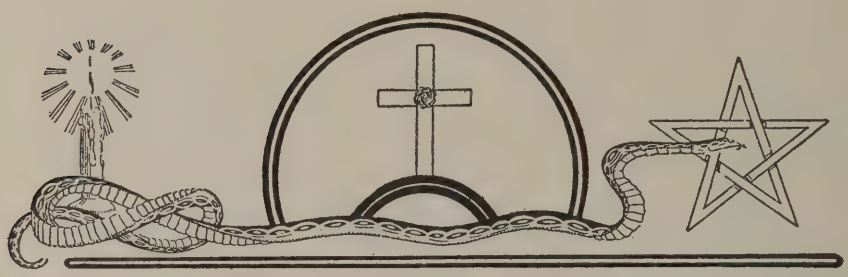

The Rosy Cross and the Rosary

THE SIMILARITY AND DIFFERENCES IN THESE SACRED SYMBOLS

By THE IMPERATOR

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THE LEWISTONIAN SATANIC SNAKE

Here we reproduce from page 464 of the *Rosicrucian Digest,* January 1935, some of Lewis' specially designed symbolism, with the serpent *groveling* in the dust, creeping on its belly under the "Sacred Rose" and beneath the Rosy Cross. This is a genuine and typical "Satanic Snake" which is often found in his publications and used by him personally in connection with his own articles, as witness the above *fac-simile* reproduction.

He falsely accuses us of designing a symbol containing a "satanic snake" as the symbol of our house, personal signature or Coat of Arms, although and not withstanding he had previously designed and personally used symbolism which gives undue prominence to the *satanic snake.*

Consistency and discretion are jewels, indeed, but—

> "*Good name,* in man or woman, dear my lord,
> Is the immediate *jewel* of their Souls."

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THE BRAZEN SERPENT.
From engraving after A. Strühuber.

This illustration of Moses *raising up* the Brazen Serpent on a pole or the Cross is familiar to every student of the Bible. Mr. Lewis claims to have been brought up as a good Methodist, yet he accuses us of using the satanic snake in the symbolism of our House or Coat of Arms, although we use the serpent *raised up* on the cross in our symbolism, just as Moses lifted it up on the cross in the wilderness to heal and save the children of Israel.

Evidently Moses did not regard, and the Masons and Christians do not regard, the serpent *lifted up on the cross as a* "Satanic Snake." No one, except Lewis, regards it as an evil or "devil" symbol—and Lewis *does not* so regard it. He wanted to say something mean, ugly and nasty about us and finding nothing true that is mean, ugly and nasty, why, he just said that we had used a "satanic snake"—because, we suppose, since he uses it himself and knows the low, base, ugly and nasty things that it symbolizes. See text.

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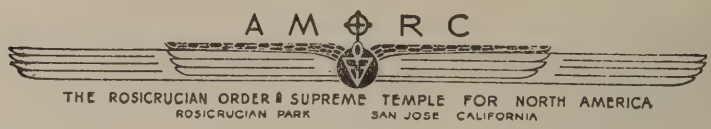

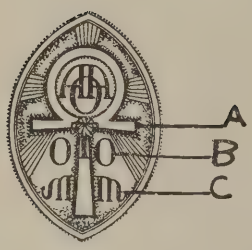

A LEWISTONIAN PAGAN SYMBOL

At the very time that the Christian Gentleman of San Jose accused us of "actually" taking "symbols of old pagan cults and adopting them," he was using a pagan or often called "heathen" symbol on one of his letterheads, that is, the *Crux Ansata,* shown in the above reproduction.

Now, if there is one symbol that is universally and emphatically condemned by the Christian Church, regarded and universally spoken of by all Christians as a "heathen" symbol, it is the Egyptian Crux Ansata. We are not condemning the symbol. We understand its meaning. We are simply pointing out the un-Christian and inconsistent conduct of the Christian Gentleman of San Jose.

He denies any connection with Crowley, the Notorious Black Magician, or his orders and organizations, and yet, at the same time he condemns Crowley he uses (A) in the circle of the Crux Ansata the letters A. A. O., which stand for the Crowley Order A.·.A.·., which he founded in the early part of this century, before he Crowleyized and took over the O. T. O. (B) The letters O. T. O. would seem to indicate that AMORC is a part of the O. T. O., from which he claims to hold a charter—which would put him under the jurisdiction of Crowley. (C) The letters M. M. stand for the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, by which he evidently intends to show that AMORC is also a Masonic organization. All these matters last mentioned will be fully discussed in Chapter Four hereof.

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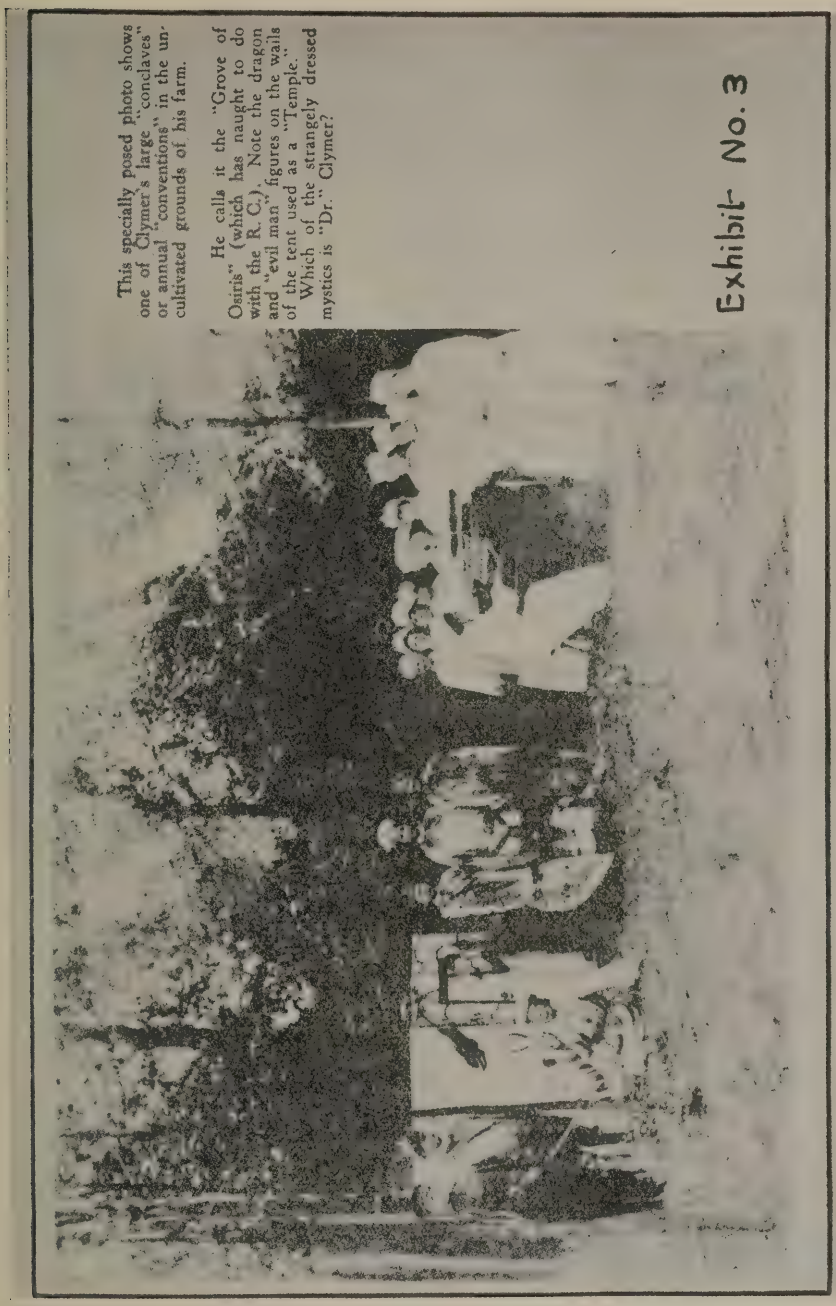

The Lewis "Exhibit No. 3." Although it is a faithful reproduction of a photograph of the Degree Team of the *Osirians*, nevertheless it is willfully misrepresented. See preceding text, this Chapter.

CHAPTER FOUR

PART ONE

PROVES HIS CLAIMS WITH DELETED RECORDS

The Imperator Defends Himself With the Meanest Tricks of His Black Art, Using Mutilated Documents and Petty Chicanery

In this Chapter we shall continue to deal with the unbelievable trickery and petty chicanery of the author of *White (?) Book D.* We shall conclusively show, not only that his statements are false, but that he has attempted to prove them and to sustain his spurious claims by the publication of misrepresented, falsified, deleted and mutilated documents; that his so-called "Important Rosicrucian Documents" are not what they purport to be; that they have been grossly misrepresented; that they are spurious and have naught to do with the authentic Rose Cross Order; that his various, much advertised, so-called Rosicrucian International and World Councils are myths, delusions and snares; that his so-called Rosicrucian International or World Conventions were not R. C. Conventions at all, but Masonic Congresses of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim—and that those in which he participated were spurious and clandestine.

In this connection we shall prove, beyond question, that he has abused and misused Masonry as much as, if not more than, he has desecrated the Holy Name and Sacred Symbols of the Rosy Cross, and that his family racket and fraternal swindle is a Masonic-Rosicrucian Fraud.

The FUDOSI, the fraudulent device which he set up to proclaim the R. C. authenticity of his fraternal racket, will be stripped of its disguise and the naked truth will appear.

We shall establish absolutely his connection with Crowley, the notorious Black Magician, and that he teaches Crowley's Black Magic doctrine: *"Do what thou wilt, is the whole of the law; love is the law, love under will."*

Many interesting and astonishing facts will be revealed in this

Chapter. For convenience of study and discussion we shall divide the subject matter into five parts, of which this is *Part One.*

Things Masonic and Rosicrucian

At all times maintaining a cordial fraternal relationship, the Masonic and Rosicrucian Fraternities have existed and functioned side by side, but entirely independent of each other, without in any manner interfering with each other and without either encroaching upon, or attempting to encroach upon, the rights, privileges or prerogatives of the other. It has been the accepted custom and practice of the Rosicrucian Fraternity in America to leave to Masons those matters which concern Masonry, which custom and practice we recognize and regard as wholesome and most desirable.

We regret that the necessities of the present case require that we discuss many matters purely of a Masonic nature. However, we are forced to do this, that we may better show and more fully demonstrate the true nature and extent of Lewis' fraternal swindle, which, although ostensibly conducted as a Rosicrucian Order and Brotherhood, yet nevertheless seriously involves Masonry, because he has continually used Masonry and Masons, in various ways, as a device and contrivance to promote and perpetuate his swindle to the extent that it has become and is a *Masonic-Rosicrucian Fraud.*

Preliminary to and as an aid to a better understanding of the false claims and unfounded assertions of Lewis as to his Masonic affiliation and his spurious Rosicrucian authority and genuineness, which he asserts by virtue of and as coming to him through certain Masonic Rites and by reason of his Masonic affiliations, it will be helpful to accurately define and correctly state wherein they differ and the exact relation which Masonry bears to Rosicrucianism, and conversely.

Of Common Origin, Yet Distinct

As noted by Harold V. B. Voorhis in his recent, well-considered *History of Organized Masonic Rosicrucianism,* the Masonic and the Rosicrucian Orders have a common spiritual descent, and to some extent interlace, yet they are two distinct and separately functioning organizations. Although they have the same high ideals

and both seek to teach the same sublime truth, to aid and direct mankind along the upward path to better and nobler things and to bring about brotherhood, with "peace on earth and good will to men", they undertake to accomplish those ends by different methods, yet both achieve their objectives and serve mankind well. Under these circumstances and conditions, there must be and there is the closest, most friendly and helpful fraternal relationship. Let us, then, consider how and wherein these two great fraternities with a common purpose differ in their fundamentals and as to methods of the presentation of their teachings.

The Masonic Fraternity

The Masonic Fraternity, while its teachings are secret, is an exoteric order. It is a school of rites. It teaches its great lessons and sublime doctrines by means of and with symbolical, ceremonial rites of initiation administered by degrees and in separate bodies, to which spiritual teaching and training are only incidental. It is, therefore, possible for a man to pass through the initiatory ceremonies of the Craft degrees of the Blue Lodge and be made a Master Mason without understanding the mystical significance and meaning of such symbolical initiation. It operates under a lodge system with subordinate lodges that affords its members close fraternal and social relationship with one another. The fraternal spirit of this organization is unsurpassed. Of this great fraternity, none but words of highest commendation may be justly spoken. The good that it does and all the blessings that it has bestowed on mankind are unknown and immeasurable. Its symbols carry and conceal the Secret Doctrine and the Wisdom of the Ancients and its ceremonial initiatory work of the different degrees, stage by stage, graphically depict and teach all of the sublime truths of the Ancient Wisdom of the Sons of Light.

The Masonic Order is open to *men* only, while the Rose Cross Order receives men and women alike and on equal terms.

The Rosicrucian Fraternity

On the other hand, the Rosicrucian Fraternity is a School of Spiritual Training, of individual teaching and initiation by and through individual efforts, accomplished by following the Rosi-

crucian secret training and teachings and by *living* the life. Its initiates are self-initiated and become Rosicrucians by virtue of their own efforts, as a result of their own spiritual experiences. They reach different degrees or stages of initiation as they achieve and open up to themselves new and larger visions and fields of soul-consciousness. They *become* Rosicrucians when they *understand* and *know*. Rosicrucians are never made or initiated by symbolical ceremonies. To the Rosicrucians, symbolical ceremonies are only incidental and are never used in the inner or Esoteric Section, which is a School of Spiritual Training, as above described. For that reason, it is not necessary for its neophytes to be publicly identified with a lodge, society or order to *become* a Rosicrucian. For many years the Rosicrucians, while living among men, could not be found, because they had no organization, lodges, or meeting places, known to the uninitiated. It has been and still is the most secret of all secret societies and orders. Even unto this day, its high initiates in this and in every land and their meeting places are still unknown to the public, and even unto its neophytes and students who have not, as yet, *become* Rosicrucians.

Although the lodge system and symbolical initiatory ceremonies are incidental to the Great Work which is accomplished in its Esoteric Section or School of Spiritual Training, yet it does maintain a system of lodges for its neophytes with symbolical initiatory ceremonies as auxiliary, preparatory and outer bodies or orders for the teaching of its exoteric philosophy, such as the *Order of the Osirians,* referred to in the last chapter,[1] and also lodges for its initiates, who have *become* Rosicrucians, wherein and whereby the Path which they have trod in their self-initiation is depicted and vividly represented in symbolical ceremonies.

Inter-Exchange of Members

And Other Causes of Confusion

For centuries, many Rosicrucians have been members of the Masonic Fraternity and many Masons have been neophytes in the R. C. Order and have *become* Rosicrucians. Indeed, there have been restricted Rosicrucian organizations to which Masons only were admitted. Since the year 1865 there have existed Masonic

[1] Chapter Three, this volume, pp. 178 *et seq.*

societies composed only of high, learned and scholarly Masons, known as organized Masonic Rosicrucianism, which we shall presently discuss. The inter-exchange of members, the limiting of Rosicrucian membership to Masons in certain bodies, the use of Rosicrucian appellations in connection with certain Masonic organizations and the use of the term "Rose Croix" to describe a degree in certain Masonic rites have brought about much confusion in the public mind, as well as much confusion among many Rosicrucian students and Masons.

In Europe, some of the Grand Masters of Rosicrucian Orders are also interested in Masonry and in some instances the same individual holds the office of Grand Master of an Order of the Rosy Cross and Grand Master of a Masonic Grand Lodge or Sovereign Sanctuary, although they are entirely separate and distinct bodies, having no connection with each other whatever, yet, the two, having a common head or being presided over by the same individual, give a *surface* appearance and furnish *prima facie* evidence that are altogether misleading and untrustworthy.

Then, there are certain secret orders or organizations in France and other foreign countries of an esoteric nature, founded entirely upon certain Masonic rites and of Masonic origin, that, by common but *erroneous* practice or custom, are spoken of and by the general public regarded as Rosicrucian organizations, whereas, in truth, they are in no manner nor in any sense Rosicrucian organizations and have naught to do with the Rosicrucian Fraternity. A striking example of this is the Martinist Order,[2] founded upon Masonic rites, and which only Master Masons in good standing may join. This order was named after that illustrious French mystic of the eighteenth century, Louis Claude de Saint-Martin, who was supposed by some uninformed writers to have been a Rosicrucian. The Martinists have a *Rose Croix* degree; therefore, one initiated in that degree is known as a Rosicrucian, though he may not have had the slightest Rosicrucian training and has not *become* and is *not* a Rosicrucian.[3] Thus has arisen a misconception relative to the connection between the Masonic and Rosicrucian Fraternities.

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[2] We shall later give further consideration to this Order.

[3] See *The Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis,* by Clymer, pp. 167 to 181, dealing with Rosicrucianism and Freemasonry.

Organized Masonic Rosicrucianism

There have been and still are societies of organized Masonic Rosicrucianism, such as the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia; Societatis Rosicrucianae in Civitatibus Foederatis,* and others of a like or allied nature. Only high Masons or those of Masonic erudition and scholarship are eligible for membership in these organizations, which are not esoteric R. C. Orders, yet, they are, nevertheless, Gages of Amity between the Masonic Fraternity and the Esoteric Orders of the Rosy Cross and greatly assist in the maintenance of the closest fraternal relationship between these great fraternities.

These organized Masonic Rosicrucian societies claim no connection with the Rose Cross Orders of the Esoteric Rosicrucian Fraternity. This is clearly shown by the statement of Frederick W. Hamilton, IX°, Supreme Magus of the *Societatis Rosicrucianae in Civitatibus Foederatis,* in his foreword to Harold V. B. Voorhis' HISTORY OF ORGANIZED MASONIC ROSICRUCIANISM, in speaking of the *Societas Rosicrucianae* founded in England in 1865, as follows:

Italics Are Ours.

Does Not Claim Connection With the Esoteric Rose Cross Order.

Deals Only With Freemasonry.

The Purposes and Nature of These Societies Clearly Stated.

"So far as I am aware the work which follows is the first one to set forth in detail the history of the Societas Rosicruciana since its foundation in England in 1865. Although the Society has never had a large membership, it has shown astonishing vitality. *Not claiming descent from the Rosicrucians of the later middle ages,* it has no traditions to propagate and no assertions to defend. *Unconnected with other organizations of more or less Theosophical tendency which make use of the Rosicrucian name,* it has always held closely to its own aims and purposes. *It is neither mystic nor esoteric.* It is a society of students and investigators interested in the history, traditions, philosophy, and symbolism of *Freemasonry* or allied to it.

"Just at this time the Society, especially in the United States, is taking on a new lease of life. Interest in the study of the more philosophic aspects of Freemasonry and of its history and traditions has been greatly stimulated. As a natural consequence Masonic scholars and investigators are

> moved to unite in groups in which they may find sympathy and assistance. The time is fully ripe for the production of such a work as this."[4]

We have taken the pains to explain the differences between the Masonic and Rosicrucian Fraternities, their relation to each other and, also, to show the relation which Organized Masonic Rosicrucianism bears to each, because the public at large does not understand these differences, and being unaware of the causes of confusion that exist, is, therefore, easily misled in regard thereto. Mr. Lewis, being fully aware of this, has capitalized this confusion which so generally exists and has used it successfully in the promotion of his fraudulent fraternal scheme. He has used it as a device and drawnet to catch and exploit alike those attracted to Masonry as well as those interested in Rosicrucianism. With his combined, mixed, blended and confused claims of Masonic and Rosicrucian authority, he has built a house of cards and is using the good names and high standing of the two great fraternities to increase and swell the Royal Hierarchal Revenues of his mystic Masonic-R. C. swindle.

AMORC and Masonry

Continually asserting and constantly denying the connection of AMORC, his spurious R. C. Order, with Masonry he has used every plausible method and cunning device to create for his fraudulent fraternal enterprise Masonic sanction as well as Rosicrucian authority. His latest device and stratagem has been to combine Masonry with Rosicrucianism,[5] in, by and through the Ancient Masonic and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, and to create for himself an International Masonic and Rosicrucian body[6] to give plausible fraternal recognition to his mystifying swindle. However, his International Congress for the creation of FUDOSI, his latest faked International R. C. Council, turned out to be a congress of clandestine Masonry, infringing upon the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and had naught

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[4] *The History of Organized Masonic Rosicrucianism,* p. 5.

[5] See our *Fac-Simile* Reproduction No. 40 at the end of this part, which we shall presently discuss.

[6] This refers to FUDOSI, to be discussed at length in Part IV of this chapter.

to do with Rosicrucian Orders, and which has been fully exposed and denounced by legitimate Memphis-Mizraim Masons, as we shall presently see.

That we may better understand and fully comprehend the constant ever-present stratagem which he has used to give to his spurious fraternal enterprise the apparent sanction and approval of Masonry and Masons and the methods employed to secure for himself and his Hierarchy of Fraud the valuable advantages of Masonic connections and affiliation, we shall briefly review a few of the Masonic devices employed and used by him, and the pronouncements he has made on Masonry, to impose upon uninformed Masons and those attracted to or interested in Masonry, to exploit them and secure for himself and his enterprise the advantages which he derived and wrongfully used.

Masonry Closely Allied to AMORC (!!)

Shortly after he launched his fabricated spurious Rosicrucian Order, he made his first pronouncement on the subject of Masonry being connected with and allied to his fabrication in his First[7] *Authentic and Complete History of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis,* as follows:

All Italics Ours. Fabricated in 1915, AMORC Antedates Freemasonry!

"The claim has always been made that the AMORC is the oldest fraternal or secret order known to man. This claim makes the order antedate Freemasonry, and the latter has always claimed great antiquity. Here again the casual, aye, the deep investigator, is confronted with a mass of details purporting to be the history of Freemasonry, but gradually classifying themselves into two groups which one may label 'inexact' and 'indefinite.'

Mystery Clarified. Freemasonry Is an Offspring of AMORC. Masons, Note This Claim. Justifies His Own R. C. High-Pressure

"Right here is where some of the mystery becomes clarified. Rosicrucians claim, *and can prove, that the Order of Free and Accepted Masons is an offspring of the AMORC,* and for this reason its origin is so veiled and indefinite except to those who have passed through the Scottish Rites. *Because of its frankness, publicity and public propaganda,*

[7] Since then he has written and published other "authentic" and "complete" histories of his spurious R. C. Order, called AMORC.

Public Propaganda.

Freemasonry has grown into a powerful organization, overshadowing in the public's mind all other secret and fraternal orders.

Masonry Not Silent. It Is Denouncing the Alleged Connection With AMORC.

"On the point of its connection with the AMORC, Freemasonry is very silent. It traces its antiquity to 'Solomon's Temple' and refers to characters whose history, if not actual existence, are cloaked with doubt. Its published history is very esoteric and mystical, although its actual history, as known to all advanced Rosicrucians, is a living testimonial of the truth of the noble principles of brotherhood which underlie Freemasonry.

Confounds Confusion. A Falacious Argument to Mislead.

"So closely are the two orders allied that many of the great exponents of the one are active workers in the other. Freemasonry has acknowledged its debt to the AMORC by adding a Rosicrucian degree to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, making it the 18°. It has also established 'Societas Rosicruciana' in England and various parts of the United States, to which none but an advanced Mason may apply for admission.

AMORC Only Has the Real Masonic Work. Masons Must Join AMORC to Get Real Freemasonry!

"In these Rosicrucian societies, as in the A. & A. S. R. 18°, certain elements of the Rosicrucian initiations and doctrines are used (in the crude form resulting from tradition by word of mouth, since none but the legitimate lodges of the AMORC have the correct work), and the tendency on the part of these brother Masons in such degrees and societies is to practice and emulate the noble rules and doctrines of the AMORC.

Copied Master Mason's Degree Work and Uses It in His Own First Degree Work.

"Naturally, all genuine Rosicrucian lodges practice many of the elements of the work of Freemasonry, *since the latter adapted its* WORK *from that of the* AMORC. *The first degree in all Rosicrucian lodges is very similar to the third (or Master Mason's) degree in Freemasonry. Many of the latter's symbols and terms are taken from Rosicrucianism* (as explained elsewhere), and in general the two orders are aiming to accomplish the same great and noble purpose, except that the R. C. work is OPERATIVE, while Freemasonry is SPECULATIVE."[8]

[8] *The American Rosae Crucis,* his then official organ, Volume 1, pp. 3 and 4.

Used Masonry for Promotion Purposes

Thus within a few months after he fabricated his spurious R. C. Order, he began and has since continued the use of various kinds of false Masonic propaganda to promote his fraudulent fraternal enterprise. In the beginning it was his original idea to model his fabrication after Masonry with symbolical initiatory degrees to be conferred only in lodges under a lodge system. He still adheres to the original lodge system, but he soon found that it did not produce the cash fast enough; accordingly, he instituted a National Lodge on the 25th day of April, 1917, to accept correspondence members and to deliver lectures by mail. The combined plan proved successful and is still followed. To make his scheme of combining Masonry and Rosicrucianism more effective, he gave to his fabricated order a Rosicrucian name and unto himself a Masonic title combined with an alleged Rosicrucian title, namely: "Grand Master General and Imperator of North America," the former being a Masonic title employed in the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim.

Having thus induced Masons to join his spurious Masonic-Rosicrucian institution, in 1917 he appointed a committee composed entirely of Masons, on his proposed constitution, and secured from them the following endorsement:

> "We, the undersigned, as members of AMORC of North America, find nothing in the teachings or rituals of the above-named Order which conflicts with the teachings or rituals of any other organization with which we are affiliated. * * * However, we have received such information from the teachings of the above-named Order, which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, is only obtainable in the AMORC, and having knowledge of its uplifting character, its patriotic and humanitarian principles, we take this means of expressing our appreciation of the Order.
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> Dr. Charles D. Green, 32°, Park Lodge 676, F. & A. M., Pa., Randolph Chapter No. 35, Ind. Penna. Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh.
>
> Charles H. Soelke, 32°, Old Glory Lodge 975, A. F.

& A. M., Chicago, Cicero Chapter, R. A. M., Apollo Commandery No. 1, K. T., Medinah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Chicago, Illinois.

Omar T. Cruickshank, M. D., M. E., F. T. S., F. O.; Cyrus Chapter No. 280, R. A. M., Mt. Mariah Council No. 2, Chartiers Commandery No. 78, K. T., Penna. Consistory, S. P. R. S.

L. A. Shoemaker, 32°, Hillsboro Lodge 25, A. F. & A. M., Tampa Consistory No. 1, Tampa, Florida.

Walter E. Hatch, 32°, McCandless Lodge, A. F. & A. M., 390, Pennsylvania Consistory, Valley of Pittsburgh.

S. Lindsay Dorsey, Lexington Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., Lexington Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., Webb Commandery No. 2, K. T., Lexington, Ky.

Edward L. Bark, Past Master Jefferson Lodge 288, F. & A. M., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Conrad H. Lindstedt, Past Master Progressive Lodge 354, F. & A. M., New York.

Frederick C. Santaiello, 32°, Normal Lodge 523, F. & A. M., K. T., A. A. O. N. M. S., New York."

This is a rather clever and effective "voluntary endorsement" by Masons, cunningly obtained under the duress of deception, which he has persistently used in his propaganda literature from 1917 to 1930.[9]

In 1921, from his headquarters in San Francisco, California, he announced, notwithstanding that he was not an accredited Master Mason in this jurisdiction, that a Sovereign Sanctuary of Freemasonry abroad had *conferred* upon him the *"highest Masonic degrees,* such as Honorary 33rd, the 90th and the 95th degrees of the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim"; also that the O. T. O. (Ordo Templi Orientis), another Masonic organization, founded on the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, chartered by John Yarker, had *conferred* upon him its high degrees and appointed the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC as a

[9] See *Rosicrucian Illumination,* pp. 9-10, a Lewistonian Propaganda booklet issued in Tampa, Fla., 1926-27.

Gage of Amity.[1]

Later he assumed and conferred upon himself the 97th degree, *The Grand Hierophant of the Universe,* of the Rite of Memphis.[2]

"The Greatest Living R. C. Authority"

Instructs on Masonic History!

Again making a bid to Masons and continuing to misuse Masonry and the historical conflicts and confusion that exist in relation thereto in the promotion of his fraternal business, Mr. Lewis, writing under a *nom de plume,* about Swedenborg, in his then official organ, *The Mystic Triangle,* May, 1926, at page 73, says:

Very Best of Masonic Writers Are Dumb—Only H. Spencer Lewis, the Pseudo-Mason and Rosicrucian, Knows the True History of Real Masonry and the True Rosy Cross! AMORC, his Own Fabrication, Is the Father of Genuine Masonry!

Italics Ours.
Emphasis Ours.
All Real Masons Belong to AMORC. He Is Saying "Why Don't You Invest in AMORC?" Swedenborg Was Not a Rosicrucian. Masons Should Join AMORC.

"Macoy, Dr. Oliver, Gould and numerous other Masonic authorities might have searched longer and looked deeper into 'the facts of the case,' and prayed for Light just a little bit more earnestly. Then, surely, they would have discovered what was disclosed to the greatest living Rosicrucian authority, Dr. Harve Spencer Lewis, BEFORE Dr. Lewis wrote his wonderful *'Authentic and Complete History of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis.'* Why are Masonic authorities so silent? *Have they not found out* YET *that their institution is an offspring of AMORC?* Is it surprising, then, to witness Brother Swedenborg trace the best in Speculative Masonry to its Operative Source? Was Freemasonry always speculative? It was not! Why are *Masonic writers so dumb and blind?* WHY HAS AMORC SO MANY WONDERFUL MASONIC BROTHERS? * * * What are Masons speculating for? Why are they not 'investing' instead? Just as their Brother-Swedenborg, who was our Brother-Rosicrucian, did! May the best of our Brother-Masons soon become 'Living Question Marks!' * * * AMORC is helping you to contact your glorious Brother! Wrote our *Beloved Imperator* recently, 'God bless his great soul!' "

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[1] See Chapter Three, this volume, pp. 135-136, also Volume 1, p. 345, for a full statement of his most unusual claims.

[2] See his signature on his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3," our Reproduction No. 46, at the end of Part III, this chapter.

Occasionally denying the physical connection of Masonry, yet, constantly insisting that AMORC, his own recent spurious fabrication, is the parent of Masonry, he has continually used this type of miserable misrepresentation in many variations, to lure uninformed, credulous Masons and gullible persons interested in Masonry into his fold as paying members to support a Masonic-R. C. swindle. Many such examples of his misrepresentation and misuse of Masonry are to be found in his high-pressure promotional magazines and literature.

Denied AMORC'S Masonic Connection

When charged in 1926 with misusing the good name of Masons and Masonry for the promotion of his fraudulent, fraternal and spurious R. C. enterprise, in a full-page advertisement published in a Tampa, Florida, newspaper,[3] he denied that AMORC claimed any Masonic connection or "physical relationship with the Freemasonic Order" and quoted from an involved and ambiguous statement made in his first propaganda booklet,[4] published in New York, in 1917, as follows:

Denying the Physical Relationship, He Continued to Use Masons and Masonry to Promote His Spurious Masonic-R. C. Fraternal Enterprise.

"When we say that the Order has absolutely no connection with any branch of the Theosophical Society, the New Thought Movement or Freemasonry, we do not mean to say that such connection would be displeasing or detrimental; but it is unnecessary and—impossible. On the other hand, *nearly all* of our Grand Masters in the various states as well as *fully seventy-five per cent* of our Brothers in the Order are Freemasons and generally in the higher degrees (Scottish Rite, K. T., Shrine, etc.) . . . "

A rather cunning way of denying the physical connection of AMORC with Masonry, yet continuing to use the good name and high standing of Masons for promotion purposes. When carefully studied, it is a *badge of fraud,* but well calculated to fool naive Masons, and the credulous and gullible. It is such an explanation —a kind of a saving clause—as a shrewd promoter would insert

[3] Tampa Morning Tribune, November 3, 1926, p. 13.

[4] *Rosicrucian Initiation,* p. 6.

in his high-pressure promotional literature to save himself in event his devious ways are discovered and exposed.

His "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4"

Conferring "High Masonic Honors"

In November, 1933, he published[5] a *fac-simile* of a certificate issued to him by the O. T. O., a Masonic organization based upon and chartered under the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, conferring upon him the honorary 33rd, 90th, 95th and 7th degrees of the O. T. O., and making him an honorary member of its Sovereign Sanctuary for Switzerland, Germany and Austria, which he falsely represented to be a Charter issued by the "Supreme Magus and Frater Superior of the Ancient Rosicrucian Order" and as conferring upon him Rosicrucian authority.[6] The O. T. O. is a Masonic Order, an *"Academia Masonica,* a high school of Mystic Masonry,"[7] and in no sense an R. C. Order, as we shall show in Part V of this Chapter.

We reproduce this certificate or diploma in Volume I[8] and for our purpose at that time we there treated it as a charter and dealt with it according to Lewis' own falsified descriptions thereof. For convenience of study, we again reproduce it,[9] in this Volume. The time has now come to print a translation of this document, which is written almost entirely in Latin, and to make bare and fully expose all of the flagrant misrepresentations which Lewis has from time to time made concerning it. A free and Anglicized translation is as follows:

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[5] *Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1933, p. 397.

[6] For Lewis' description of this document see pp. 135 and 136, Chapter Three, this volume, and for another and different description see Volume I, pp. 345 and 381.

[7] See our Reproduction No. 55-F at end of Part V, this chapter.

[8] Volume I, p. 380, Reproduction No. 20.

[9] Our Reproduction No. 40 at the end of this part.

HIS CHARTER (!) CONFERRING R. C. AUTHORITY (!)

"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4."

"The Beginning of Wisdom Is Love of God"

ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS

Hermetic Brotherhood of Light

THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY AND ITS LAWS

Ancient and Primitive Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim.

(By authority of the Great Orient of Gaul, from the Charter dated July 21, 1862, No. 28911, and by authority of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Britain and Ireland, by Charter dated September 24, 1902, A. D.).

The Great Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Masonic and Scottish Rites of 33 degrees.

"GREETINGS!

To Whom It May Concern:

"WE, Albert Carol Theodore Peregrinus, Sovereign Directing Magus of the Egyptian Rite of Primitive Masons of Memphis and Mizraim of 95 degrees, and the Grand Master General of Free Masons of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of 33 degrees; and the Caput and Frater Superior and the Vicarius Salomanis of the

Order of Oriental Templars

by virtue of the authority vested in us by the most venerable brothers, grant H. Spencer Lewis, 33°, 90°, 95°, VII°, O. T. O., to be an Honorary Member of our Sovereign Sanctuary for Switzerland, Germany and Austria, and to represent our Sov. Sanctuary as Gage of Amity near the Supreme Council of the AMORC at San Fran-

cisco, California,[1] classification of degree of the ancient Masonic Art and of the Egyptian Rite of Primitive Masons of Memphis and Mizraim of 95 degrees, and of the ancient and accepted Rite of Scottish Masons, in accordance with the laws and ritual instituted by us and accepted by the Order of Oriental Templars.

"If the Constitution of the Order of Oriental Templars, dated January 22, 1906, 1917, A. D., is violated or neglected, this permission and foregoing diploma may be rescinded at any time.

"As a document of these things, this diploma is written, sealed and signed by our hand.

"Granted in our Sanctuary p. t. Basilea, on the 30th of July, in the year of true light 000,000,000, which corresponds to the year of our order 1303, A. D. 1921.

PEREGRINUS, 33°, 97°, X°, (SEAL)

(FIVE SEALS) *Caput of the Order.*"

It is obvious that this is not a charter "issued by the Supreme Magus and Frater Superior of the ancient Rosicrucian Order for Switzerland and Germany" and that it confers no Rosicrucian authority on Lewis, as claimed by him.

Although it is a document issued by the O. T. O., operating under a Masonic Charter from a Sovereign Sanctuary of the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim, it confers no Masonic authority on Lewis. At the most, it is nothing more than a diploma or certificate *conferring* upon him the *honorary* 33rd degree (Scottish), 90th degree (Mizraim), 95th degree (Memphis) and VII degree (O. T. O.), all Masonic, none Rosicrucian, and making him an "Honorary Member" of the Sovereign Sanctuary for Switzerland, Germany and Austria of the Freemasonic Rite of Memphis and Mizraim.

Now read his description in *The Triangle*, September, 1921, page 1,[2] and also his description in *The Rosicrucian Digest*, No-

[1] The Supreme Council of AMORC is Lewis and family. See Chapter Six.

[2] Quoted in full on pp. 135-136, Chapter Three, this volume.

vember, 1933, page 397,[3] as well as many other misleading statements he has made concerning it; reach your own conclusions and formulate your own judgment. We shall give further consideration to this "Important R. C. Document" in Part V of this Chapter, where the O. T. O. and Lewis' claims in relation thereto are considered. It is considered here in its Masonic aspects.

After all, this certificate is meaningless. All of Lewis' claims to high Masonic honors and degrees are "much ado about nothing" and his honorary membership in the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim fails, and is null and void, for the very simple reason that he is not a *Master Mason,* as we shall presently see, and according to universally accepted Masonic law, the higher degrees cannot be communicated to or conferred upon one who has not the Craft Degrees—who is not a Master Mason—or upon a denied, rejected or expelled Mason.

Other Masonic Honors!

"Important R. C. Document No. 5"

Still seeking Masonic affiliation and honors to bolster his alleged Rosicrucian authority, which is non-existent, on August 10, 1933, he secured from a foreign Masonic Order, *Sovereign and Military Order of the Temple,* a certificate conferring upon him and his descendants the title of "Bailli Grand Croix," which he published[4] in December, 1933, in *fac-simile* and described as his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 5." We have also made a fac-simile reproduction of this document (being our Reproduction No. 41) and freely translate it as follows:

[3] Quoted in full on pp. 345 and 381 of Volume I.

[4] *Rosicrucian Digest,* December, 1933, p. 467.

"SOVEREIGN AND MILITARY ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

THE GRAND BAILIFF

has the honor to inform Mister

H. SPENCER LEWIS

that the Grand Master conferred on him the title of Bailiff of the Grand Cross of the order, title transmissible to his descendants.

This August 10, 1933 (V. E.)
Year 815 of the Order

(Signature not clear, only a Masonic Cross or seal is distinguishable.)

Concerning this simple document, Lewis makes an elaborate explanation beneath the *fac-simile* reproduction thereof, which is as follows:

Italics and Question Marks Inserted Ours.

Order of Templars. Noble and Royal Families and Prominent People.

It Is Not So Certified —See the Certificate— What Power? Grand Bailiff Equivalent to Grand Master! Certificates Like This and Coats of Arms Can Be Purchased in Europe Very Reasonably. If the Amendment Confers No

"The above illustration is a photograph of the document authorized by the Supreme Council of the 'Sovereign and Military Order of the Temple' in Europe. This *Order of Templars* was founded in 1118 in Jerusalem and has had a continuous existence throughout Europe up to the present time with an unbroken list of Grand Masters representing noble and royal families of Europe and the most prominent individuals of the European countries. The above *Charter* [?] was authorized by a vote on the part of the European organization conferring upon H. Spencer Lewis the *power* and *authority* of 'Grand Bailli' of the Order for the United States of America, which is equivalent to the title of Grand Master for this country, and also confers upon him the Grand Cross of the organization and the special coat of arms which is painted in color at the bottom of the charter. [?] The coat of arms becomes hereditary with H. Spencer Lewis and his descendants. A later amendment to the charter [?] signed by the same officials, the Grand Chancellor

More Power or Authority Than the Above Certificate, Then None at All Was Conferred or Granted.
Masonic Degrees Are Never Conferred on Rosicrucians Because They Are Good Rosicrucians. It Probably Is!

and the Grand Bailli, extended the authority to include Canada and Mexico. It will be noted that the Rosicrucian emblem appears in the special coat of arms and the history of the organization shows its close relationship with the Rosicrucians throughout the past centuries. The above charter [?] authorizes H. Spencer Lewis to confer the honorary degree of *Knight of the Temple* upon those who distinguish themselves in special service to the Rosicrucian Order in North America. This is the first honor and power of this kind ever conferred upon an individual of North America."

Mr. Lewis' representations concerning the above translated document should not be taken too seriously. They may not be true. Indeed, the translation of that "important" document *shows upon its face* that most of his statements and representations concerning it are false. It is *not* a charter, it has nothing to do with the Rose Cross and it is *not* an "Important Rosicrucian Document." It confers no authority and grants no power, Masonic, Rosicrucian, or otherwise. It does not certify that it was authorized by vote of an organization. It is a certificate by the Grand Bailiff, informing H. Spencer Lewis that the Grand Master had conferred upon him the title of Bailiff (not Grand Bailiff) of the Grand Cross, which title descends to his descendants. The certificate shows that the Grand Bailiff is the servant of the Grand Master and carries out his orders. The title conferred is not that of Grand Bailiff, but that of "Bailiff of the Grand Cross," i. e., keeper or custodian of the Grand Cross. Evidently it is a title of lower rank than that of Grand Bailiff, hence it could hardly be equivalent to the title of Grand Master, even in America, where some promoters of spurious orders confer all manner of titles upon themselves. It does not grant the power to confer the honorary degree of "Knight of the Temple" upon those members who distinguish themselves in the service of the Lewis Hierarchy. The title conferred, i. e., "Bailiff of the Grand Cross," is only transferable to his descendants, not to members of AMORC.

The Masonic seal, or double cross, a part of the signature, of the Grand Bailiff, would indicate that the certificate was issued by a Masonic organization. If it was issued as represented by Lewis, by a Knight Templar Order of Europe, then it is an in-

fringement upon the rights and prerogatives of the Knight Templars of America, or the Masonic Order of Red Cross of Constantine, and Lewis is wrongfully using it to promote his spurious Masonic-Rosicrucian enterprise.

Very little is known concerning the "Sovereign and Military Order of the Temple," but it is certain that it is an irregular and clandestine Masonic body—if it exists at all; because, no *regular* Masonic body confers degrees or titles that are transferable or hereditary. If Mr. Lewis were a Mason or of Masonic erudition, he would not have published his "Important" document No. 5, nor commented so freely and carelessly upon that *unimportant* document; because, it has no Masonic value and only permits him to use it to flatter his vanity and to deceive his followers and the prospective victims of his fraternal racket.

"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 5"

Is or Purports To Be Masonic

Although his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 5" is signed and sealed under a Masonic Seal and purports to be a Masonic Templar Organization, yet, nevertheless, he claims it to be a Rosicrucian document. His interesting and unique explanation of how this came about is given in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1933, page 381, as follows:

> "In passing, we may say that this Templar Organization is *distinctly* different from that degree of Freemasonry known in America as the *Knight Templar.* That degree was *added to Freemasonry arbitrarily* a number of years ago as a form of recognition of the high regard that the early Freemasons held for this European Organization, just as was the *degree of Rose Croix added to Freemasonry arbitrarily* in a similar manner. But in Europe the 'Sovereign Military Order of the Temple' or 'Knights of the Temple' is not a part of Freemasonry, and its aims and purposes are those held sacred by all Rosicrucians." (Italics ours.)

In passing, it is interesting for us to note, and it is well to keep in mind, how Lewis, in designing his fraudulent devices to give

plausible Rosicrucian authority to his spurious R. C. Order, originally claimed that Masonry is an offspring of his fabricated AMORC; then, later, how Masonry arbitrarily took or stole some of its degrees from the Rosicrucians (meaning, of course, from his fabricated AMORC), and how he has recently changed his claims and *now* asserts, as we shall presently see, that the ideals and integrity of his spurious AMORC, "the recognized and accredited Rosicrucian Brotherhood throughout the world," have been conserved, and kept pure and holy, for the past centuries, within the bosom of the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ancient and Primitive Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim.

The interested reader and careful investigator will find within his cunningly falsified explanations and contradictory claims, without resorting to other sources, the *badges of fraud* that unmistakably indicate the fraudulent devices employed in fabricating, promoting and perpetuating his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle and fraternal racket.

A Masonic-Rosicrucian Fraud

The Scheme a Mixture of Foreign Masonry and Spurious Rosicrucianism

Let it be kept in mind that Lewis has made many futile claims to Rosicrucian authority from divers sources, as we shall see in Chapter Five; that he also claims wide and unlimited Masonic and Rosicrucian powers and authority under a spurious charter from the Great White Lodge of Tibet,[5] as will presently appear. In reality possessing no real Rosicrucian authority or Masonic rights, he has laid baseless and futile claims to such authority and rights under the aforesaid certificate issued by the Sovereign Sanctuary of Switzerland, Germany and Austria of the Freemasonic Rite of Memphis and Mizraim, his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," as we have seen. It has been and is the basis of his scheme—the gravamen of his fraud to confuse Masonry and Rosicrucianism and to set up and claim for this Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle a confused and combined Masonic and Rosicrucian author-

[5] His "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2," see our Reproduction No. 51 and Part IV of this chapter for further consideration of this "charter."

ity under, by and through the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and under, and by virtue of his charters (?), which he says are his "Important Rosicrucian Documents" Nos. 4 and 2. If conclusive proof is desired of his scheme to set up combined Masonic and Rosicrucian authority for his fraternal racket and occult swindle, we need to have recourse only to a sworn pleading filed by him on July 5, 1933, in the case of *AMORC vs. George L. Smith,*[6] in which he reveals the scheme, as follows:

All Italics Are Ours.
AMORC Perpetuating Rosicrucian Teachings!

Grand Bodies of the Masonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim Regulate and Control Rosicrucianism! That Is His Claim.

AMORC Supreme Authority for North America!

Of Masonry or Rosicrucianism or Both?
His World Supreme Council and Sovereign Sanctuary of Masonic Rite M. & M. of Austria Are One and the Same.

"Plaintiff order [i.e., AMORC] is devoted to the *perpetuation* of the scientific, ethical and moral teachings, philosophies, and theories of the Ancient Rosicrucian Brotherhood, which came into being in Ancient Egypt, and has continued to date. That for the past centuries *the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ancient Rites of Memphis and Mizraim have been and now are the Grand Conservators of the integrity and ideals of the recognized and accredited Rosicrucian Brotherhood through the world.* Plaintiff has been in the past and now is the recognized and accredited Supreme Authority and the representative of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in the North American jurisdiction, and has and does now maintain fraternal relationship and communication with other recognized and accredited supreme representatives of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood of other jurisdictions throughout the world. As such accredited and recognized representative of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood of North American jurisdiction, plaintiff is a member of and participates in the convocations and deliberations of the *World Supreme Council* of the recognized and accredited supreme jurisdictions of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood. The central office of the World Supreme Council is now in Vienna, Austria."[7]

Thus he asserts the baseless and fraudulent claim in court under the sanction of the oath of his son, that the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ancient Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim are the Grand Conservators of the integrity and ideals of the Rosi-

[6] This case was discussed at length in Chapter One of this volume.

[7] *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith,* Transcript, pp. 334-335. See also our Reproductions Nos. 42 and 42A.

crucian Brotherhood, and he represents and claims that the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim control Rosicrucianism and that they are the "World Supreme Council of the recognized and accredited supreme jurisdiction of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood."

Now, it is very interesting and important to understand that there is no "World Supreme Council" of Memphis-Mizraim Masons or of Rosicrucians, or of both. There being no such council, he undertook to make and set up a "World Supreme Council," as an authority for his fraternal swindle, under a most unusual charter, issued by himself to clandestine and discredited Masons of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim in Belgium, which brought forth the vigorous protests and condemnation of the Sovereign Sanctuary of France of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, as will later appear.

A Base Scheme Without Limitations

To further this base scheme and fraudulent device by overreaching the court in the manner set forth and described in Chapter One hereof, he secured the Judge's signature to a judicial finding of fact supporting his aforesaid false and spurious claim, notwithstanding that there was no justification for it in fact, and no evidence to support it.

To make this clear, we will quote the court's finding of fact and Mr. Lewis' subsequent admission in a higher court—the Supreme Court of California—that there was no evidence to support it. Paragraph Three of the Court's Findings of Fact[8] is as follows:

> "The Court finds that the Rosicrucian Brotherhood is devoted to the perpetuation of the scientific, ethical and moral teachings, philosophies and theories of The Ancient Rosicrucian Brotherhood; that the Brotherhood came into being in Ancient Egypt, and has continued to date; that for the past centuries the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ancient Rites of Memphis and Mizraim have been and now are the Grand Conservators of the integrity and ideals of the recognized and accredited Rosicrucian Brotherhood throughout the world. The Court

[8] *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith,* Transcript, pp. 355-356.

finds that Plaintiff has been in the past, and now is the recognized and accredited Supreme Authority and representative of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in the North American jurisdiction, and has in the past and does now maintain fraternal relationship and communication with other recognized and accredited Supreme Authorities and representatives of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood of other jurisdictions throughout the world. As such accredited and recognized representative of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in the North American jurisdiction, plaintiff is a member of and participates in the convocations and deliberations of the World Supreme Council of the recognized and accredited supreme jurisdictions of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood throughout the world."

Admits Findings Not Supported

When called upon to defend the foregoing findings of fact on Appeal, he was forced to admit that they were not justified, whereupon he stipulated, through his attorneys, in the Supreme Court of California, that they be stricken from the record. We quote from pages 43 and 45 of the Reply Brief, filed by his attorney in said Supreme Court, as follows:

"This finding, describing plaintiff as the supreme authority in the Rosicrucian Brotherhood of North America, would naturally meet with considerable objection from other philosophical organizations. . . . We desire to be fair and we are willing to admit that no evidence was introduced below nor was any attempt made below to introduce evidence to support this finding, and, in fairness, we hereby stipulate that it may be stricken from the record.

"In appellant's discussion of this point, he makes reference to a finding of this kind as an attempt to set up plaintiff's organization as over and above that of Masonry. We can only comment that that is an attempt to prejudice the court against plaintiff [i. e., AMORC or the Lewises]. *It is ridiculous to think that an authority on Rosicrucianism would be an expert or authority on*

Masonic Rose Croix degrees. Most Rosicrucian experts know nothing about Masonic degrees. In fact, all Masonic writers and authorities state in various Masonic encyclopedias that there is not the slightest connection or even resemblance between the Masonic Rose Croix degree ritualism and the ritual and teachings of the Rosicrucian Order. . . . (Our italics).

"Point five of the objection to findings, page 28 of appellant's opening brief, we have already taken care of by the above stipulation to strike out paragraph three of the findings."

Always Anticipates Himself

It is a uniform custom of the Imperator of AMORC to prepare the public and his members for the execution of his schemes prior to the final consummation thereof. Indeed, it has become a fixed habit with him, in one cunning way or another, to give notice of that which is to happen, when his schemes and plans shall have been consummated and put into full operation. His practice in this respect has been so habitual and uniform that those notices anticipating what he intends to do have become telltale "badges of fraud," pointing the finger of truth to the heart of his schemes and invariably reveal them.

For years he has falsely claimed that he was a high and influential member of a Rosicrucian World or International Council, from and through which he had received the authority for his fraternal enterprise. He had made several attempts to create such a council for himself, as, for example: "Pansophia"—the International Rosicrucian Council, which we shall consider in Part III of this Chapter. Still no such council existed, or ever had existed —but it is necessary for his fraudulent enterprise that it should exist, if not in fact, at least ostensibly so, or in plausible appearance, so that it may be successfully dramatized and made to pass for such a council.

He had made many trips to Europe to attend (?) the meetings of the Rosicrucian World or International Councils that *did not exist,* but he had contacted in Belgium a certain group of Memphis-Mizraim Masons, and, in particular, a Belgian lawyer by the

name of Jean (John) Mallinger, with whose skillful and cunning aid he organized, at least on paper, the Rose Cross University of Belgium, which gave him an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy (as we shall learn in Part IV of this Chapter), and with whom he conspired to set up, under his own authority, a spurious and illegal Grand Lodge of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, however, all the time planning to use them as pawns to establish for himself an International R. C. Council under the alleged sponsorship of "The Great White Lodge of Tibet," also non-existent, *except as a fraudulent device.* When his plans were matured and Lawyer Mallinger had worked out all the details for him and had made all arrangements for the calling together of their "Masonic" henchmen (most of them discredited or expelled Masons) to be assembled in a great international convention, Mr. Lewis then made the claim in court, as above set forth, that the "Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient Rites of Memphis and Mizraim have been and now are the Grand Conservators of the integrity and ideals of the recognized and accredited Rosicrucian Brotherhood throughout the world," and in *The Rosicrucian Forum* for December, 1933, Vol. 4, No. 3, page 79, gave notice of the Congress of Brussels, to be held in 1934, and foretold what would happen and *that which did happen,* as follows:

GREAT WORLD CONVENTION

All Italics Ours.

Who Properly Authorized?

He Had Planned This Convention for 20 Years and Spoken of It So Often.

Plans Now Complete.

"Next year, according to a recent notice, will see another of the great international conventions held in Europe when the true leaders and officers in all of the properly authorized [?] occult and mystical organizations of the world will come together. At that convention it is expected that the culminating acts of international consolidations will be performed and agreed to by the delegates from each country *after twenty years of planning.* We have spoken of this coming convention on many occasions and in much of our literature we have hinted at the fact that throughout the world a great revival and regeneration would take place in regard to spiritual and mystical matters. *Now the plans appear to be almost completed* for this marvelous

To Be a Very Quiet Sub-Rosa Affair—A Conspiracy of Clandestinism!

He, Himself, is the Great White Lodge. He Knew What He Intended to Do And He Did It!

AMORC on List—Those Unauthorized by Lewis to Be Forbidden to Deceive the Public.

international congress. There are to be no outer or public displays of pomp and ceremony, and there will be no hordes of men and women in parade and in bombastic performances of mysterious sessions according to the plans. There will be the quiet, dignified, conscientious discussion of the world problems and of the great work that now lies before the *Great White Lodge* and all of its authorized activities throughout the world [!] There may be [*will be and was*] issued at the close of the convention a list of the genuine organizations sponsored by the Great White Lodge and united under its banner. The *Rosicrucian Order of AMORC* in America and other lands *will be on this list* as it has been for many years, *and all other persons and groups of persons* UNAUTHORIZED *to solicit students* from among the public seekers for Light *will be condemned and forbidden to continue to deceive the public of any country.*"

From the foregoing stated object of the Congress of Brussels—that "Great International Convention" of Clandestinism—the purpose of which was faithfully executed, it would appear that it was intended to be, and in fact was, an illegal and clandestine conspiracy in restraint of fraternal racketeering—to form a monopoly in occult and mystic fraud and to provide the ways and means to *prohibit* all persons and groups of persons, *not authorized by them,* from *soliciting* students from among the public seekers of Light, and to forbid anyone and everyone—*except themselves*—to continue to deceive the public of any country.

With the assistance of his European allies—some willing and knowing conspirators, others acting under deception or misapprehension—Lewis proposed to form for himself and the "inner" real conspirators a monopoly in fraternal racketeering and fraudulent occultism, together with the exclusive right to deceive the public anywhere or any time, under the exclusive and all-restrictive covenant of the Great White Lodge of Tibet.

Let us follow through and see how well and with what cunning stratagem he executed the scheme according to his foregoing announcement.

Creating a Spurious "World Council"

Now, as above related, prior and subsequent to the time when he secured from the Court the foregoing false findings of fact, he had been contriving and so continued to contrive and conspire with said discredited, expelled and clandestine Belgium—and also French—Memphis-Mizraim Masons to create for himself as a device for his fraudulent enterprise a spurious Rosicrucian "World Supreme Council," which resulted in the Congress of Brussels, August, 1934, and the creation of FUDOSI, the "supreme authority," which recognized it as the only authentic Rosicrucian organization in the Western Hemisphere. We shall deal at length with FUDOSI as an alleged Rosicrucian Council and authority in Part IV of this Chapter. However, for the present and in this connection, let the French Memphis-Mizraim Masons reveal the facts and expose the duplicity, trickery and fraudulent device as it was worked out and executed by Mr. Lewis and his European confederates.

On March 1, 1936, the Sovereign Sanctuary of France and her dependencies of the Masonic Order, Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, issued and later published a *Brochure*,[1] which, translated, reads as follows:

"A.·.U.·.T.·.O.·.A.·.G.·.I.·.

On All Points of the Triangle Is a Masonic Greeting Used by Lewis As If It Were Rosicrucian. See His "Important R. C. Document No. 3."[2]

"Masonic Order Ancient and Primitive of Memphis and Mizraim. Sovereign Sanctuary for France and her Dependencies.

"GREETINGS ON ALL POINTS OF THE TRIANGLE
RESPECT TO THE ORDER

"TO ALL THE MASONS WHO WILL READ THESE PRESENTS:

"STRENGTH POWER WISDOM

"Very Dear Brothers:

All Caused by Lewis

"Since the year 1933, regrettable events, capable

[1] Copies of this *Brochure,* in French, at fifty cents each may be obtained by addressing C. Chevillon, 42 Rue des Bernardins, Paris, 5e, France.

[2] See our Reproduction No. 46 at end of Part Three, this chapter.

Contriving With M. & M. Masons.

of discrediting the Order of Memphis-Mizraim, of troubling the minds of its members and of challenging the laws and constitutions of universal Masonry, were produced.

A World-Wide Scheme Heretofore Exposed Locally, Now Exposed to All the World.

"These events, which we have already exposed from time to time in our Official Bulletin, took root in the Territory of Belgium, and reverberated themselves in the divers countries of Europe and the Americas.

"For the edification of the members under our jurisdiction and for Masons spread throughout the world, we wish to review the collection of facts and announce the sanctions which have been taken against those guilty of disorder and the usurpers without mandate and without Charter.

Guilty Usurpers Without Charter.

Too Much to Hope For.

"Hoping that they would recognize their errors and cease their illegitimate maneuvers, we have, up to the present time, refrained from bringing these sanctions and the names of the guilty parties before the tribunal of Masonic opinion. Today these same men persevering in their errors, boasting of being the only and legitimate representatives of our Rite in the world, we are obliged to set aside our reserve and to make an appeal to the opinion of our Brothers.

Guilty Parties Brought to Trial.

Usurpers of World-Power.

"Herewith are the facts of which we wish to speak:

"The 25th of July, 1920, the Grand Master, Jean Bricaud, accorded the 90th and last degree of instruction of the Rite of Mizraim to Fra Rombauts, of Brussels. (Patent No. 13.)

These Patents Granted No Authority.

"The 19th of January, 1931, he created him 95, with the title of Representative of the Rite for Belgium (Patent No. 95). At the same time he delivered to him a Charter (No. 8) to establish a symbolic Lodge: 'The Disciples of Pythagore' at the Orient of Brussels.

Charter No. 8 Chartered a Lodge But Granted No Autonomous Authority.

"No patent whatsoever constituting an autonomous Masonic Organization having been delivered, this Lodge was to function under the obedience of the Sovereign Sanctuary for France and her Dependencies. Furthermore, the Official Bulletin of

They Recognized Authority of France Until September, 1933.

the Belgium group *'Adonhiram'* inserted a sidenote with the names of the Sovereign Sanctum of France, which is shown by the collection deposited in our archives, and this up to the issue of September, 1933.

Irregularities Started With Mallinger, Who Is Lewis' *Chief Aid* in Europe.

"Irregularities date from the time when Fra Rombauts initiated in the Rite a questionable lawyer named Mallinger, and within a space of a few months gave him the highest degree of instruction and administrative dignities, without any authority whatever and in violation of the Constitution. This was a well-known irregularity complicated by serious error.

Without Being Master Mason He Took Charge.

"Without having cut the rough stone and carved the cubic stone, Mallinger installed himself as Director of the Belgium Rite under cover of the limited powers of Fra Rombauts. He surrounded himself with a group of friends, no more Masons than himself, and created mixed [Co-Masonic] Lodges, contrary to the tradition of the Order.

With Non-Masons They Made Lodges of *Co-Masonry.*

Protests of No Avail.

"Grand Master Bricaud and the Sovereign Sanctuary found out about these maneuvers in a roundabout manner. They protested energetically, and reminded the Belgium Group of the Constitutions —no reply—the Fra Rombauts became very silent; but together with Mallinger he worked underhandedly, on his own authority he declared himself autonomous. To give himself the illusion of legitimacy and imposing on the Lodges created in Belgium, he pretended to hold powers of Papus since 1907, which was claimed to have been confirmed by Jean Bricaud in 1931. It is false, as clearly appears from several peremptory reasons:

Rombauts Worked With Mallinger Underhandedly. On His Own Authority.

Lewis Showed Them How. He Has Done So for Twenty-One Years.

Was Not a Mason in 1907. Claim of Authority False. Italics Ours.

"In 1907, Rombauts was not a Master Mason, *a document deposited in the archives of the Sovereign Sanctuary of France signed by him is the absolute proof.* In this document, Rombauts declares that he *was raised as Master in 1909* and received the 18, Rose Croix degree, on the first of April, 1920, at Brussels in the Chapter of 'Philanthropic Friends' of the Scottish Rite Ancient and Accepted. On the other hand, *on this date Papus and Teder*

Papus and Teder

Not Chartered Until June, 1908.

The Usurpers Possessed No Powers Whatever.

Proves Them to Be Usurpers and Pretenders.

were not chartered and depended then on the Sovereign Sanctuary of Spain, which was the only one vested to give powers. France was only chartered June, 1908, and the archives contain no documents whatever which would lead to the supposition that the Fra Rombauts had received any powers whatever. Furthermore, why should he have accepted from Jean Bricaud a Patent of the 90th degree in 1920 and a Patent of the 95th degree in 1931, with the representation for Belgium, if he had held, since he was 24 years old (i.e., since 1907) identical or superior powers? The Patent of Jean Bricaud, in fact, gave *no autonomous judicial powers* to Fra Rombauts, and left him rigorously dependent on the Sovereign Sanctuary of France, as stated above.

Mallinger Made New Co-Masons, Illegitimately Making Women High Masons.

"Not satisfied with those light affirmations, Rombauts and Mallinger, while continuing to create Mixed Lodges, between them had made a few Fraters—New Masons of later date. In this group, the ordinaries, men and women, reached the highest grades with a disconcerting rapidity (we have the proof). Prior thereto they had reformed the Rite. *They created additional degrees, such as the 99th and the 98th and multiplied at will the 97th and 96th.*

Created Strange Spurious Masonry and Unknown Masonic Titles.

Perhaps Lewis' Imagination Aided and Abetted.

"The 99th was the Supreme Hierophant, *Inconnu* (unknown)—Pope of Masonry Universal. The 98th was the Grand Hierophant Mondial. The 97th was part of the Supreme Consistory International of the Rite. However, none of these degrees, as created by them, exist in the original constitution of the Order. All of this came out of the delirious imagination of the young Mason Mallinger.

Remade Masonry.

To Suit Their Fancy and to Serve Their Own Purposes in True Lewistonian Style.

"And further, a commission was named to revise the Rituals of the Order, the Jewel Ornaments, Symbols and Secrets. This commission was under the Fra Mallinger, who took upon himself to copy the Scotch Rituals for all grades up to the 18th, included—we have absolute proof, since we possess copies of all these Rituals. For the superior grades they decolorated and transposed the Rituals of Mizraim, which are foreign to the Masonic Ancient

and Primitive Rite. For the particular degrees, like the 66th, for example (Grand Consecrator), they took upon themselves to plagiarize with very poor taste; furthermore, with a complete ignorance of the doctrines and the Ritual of Ordination of the Roman Church.

In Ignorance They Plagiarized With Poor Taste.

Self-Exposed.

"This done, the irregular maneuvers revealed themselves.

Frater Gruter Is Grand Master of Lewis' AMORC in France.[3] He Is Also Grand Master of the Spurious Sovereign Sanctuary of Memphis-Mizraim Rites for France.

"These Belgians conspired with two members of the Sovereign Sanctuary of France, Fraters Lagreze and Gruter, residing at the Orient of Nice. Having duly taken an oath of fidelity, they agreed to enter the combination. The first agreed to join the Supreme Consistory International, Apocryphal, with the title of 97th; the second agreed to be put at the head of the Sovereign Sanctuary Francois (illegitimate), created for the needs of the cause. (See *Adonhiram* and the *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Santa Fe.*) These two brothers were stricken off the list. (See correspondence in the Archives of the official Bulletin M. & M. No. 4 of June, 1934.)

A True Mason Adhering to Strict Fraternal Law Refused Bogus Title.

H. Spencer Lewis Takes a Hand. Wholly Without Any Masonic Authority,[4]

"The Belgian group offered the title of 99th to the Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Boston. This Frater, previous to definite acceptance, asked for communications of the Belgian charters. These could not be produced—being nonexistent. Then, Boston was ignored and the Imperator of AMORC, H. Spencer Lewis, of San Jose, California, entered into action.

"H. Spencer Lewis was 95th honorary of the

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[3] See *Rosicrucian Digest,* May, 1933, Frontispiece, p. 121. There he publishes a photograph of "Dr. Hans Gruter, R. R. C. Grand Master Rosicrucian Order of France," under which is subscribed in writing, purporting to be in the hand of Frater Gruter, as follows: "To the Highly Respected Imperator of AMORC, Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, as a token of sympathy from the Grand Master of AMORC for France, Dr. Hans Gruter, 33°, 90°, 95°, Nice, March, 1933." The Grand Master of AMORC for France is robed in the regalia of a Memphis-Mizraim Mason. Thus AMORC in France, a creation of Lewis', becomes a clandestine and spurious Rite of Memphis-Mizraim Masonic body.

[4] Lewis' *Great White Lodge Charter,* our Reproduction No. 51, under which he grants Masonic Charters and under which he claims Rosicrucian authority, will pres-

He Grants Masonic Charters and Creates a Pope for Masonry. —and His— Pope Rombauts in True Lewistonian Style, as *"Phanar,"* Sends Greetings to Himself as the *Great Or-Zam.* To Obtain the Proper Perspective This Should Be Read Repeatedly.

Sovereign Sanctuary of Germany in 1921, conferred by Reuss Peregrinus. He passed himself off as Supreme Grand Hierophant of a certain Grand Lodge Blanche (Grand White Lodge) of Tibet, under the name of *Sri-Sobbitha-Bikkhu.* He gave a charter to Fra Rombauts, which invested him purely and simply with the title of Supreme Hierophant, *Inconnu,* the unknown 99th degree, under the name of Or-Zam. Fra Rombauts was also for a time Grand Master National of Belgium, under the name of Phanar and, what is particularly curious in the overbearing personality of the Fra Rombauts—Or-Zam—Phanar, is that [he as] Phanar transmitted to the Sovereign Sanctuary of Belgium, Apochryphal, the Orders of [himself as] the Supreme Hierophant Or-Zam and was charged by the Sovereign Sanctuary to send to Or-Zam [i.e., himself] the friendly greetings of the Fraters.

Lewis' Handy-Man, Lawyer Mallinger, Publishes the Facts—Spills the Beans.

"As those modern avatars can be put to question, we list below two passages, excerpts of the *Adonhiram Bulletin,* published by Mallinger in the November issue, 1933. These two passages are textual and may be compared with the original:

Here's the Proof. Acting as "Phanar" He Gave His Own Instructions as The Great Unknown Pope Or-Zam 99°.

" 'The Thrice Illustrious Grand Master National, the Sublime Fra Phanar, 33, 90, 95, 97th, was received officially by the convent with all the honors and usages of the Rite. During the course of his magisterial Morc.·.d'Arch.·. he pointed out to the convent the precise instructions of the Thrice Illustrious and Thrice Sublime Hierophant Universal, Inconnu Or-Zam, 33, 90, 95, 97, 99, worldwide representatives of the Grand Lodge of Belgium for the Order of Memphis-Mizraim. . . . '

Lewis and His Great Masonic Pope—Or-Zam. Created Non-Masonic Co-Masonic Lodges.

" 'It was called to the attention of the Deputies that the Order possessed two regular autonomous branches: The Rite of the Strict Observance (?) and the Co-Masonic Rite, both placed under the supreme authority of the Grand Master Inconnu Or-Zam. . . . '

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ently be considered at length in Part Four of this chapter in an extended consideration of Fudosi as a faked International Rosicrucian power or Council.

Lewis, Who Praises Himself Under Nom-de-Plumes, Taught Him This Trick.

" 'The Sovereign Grand Master General of the Order for Belgium and her dependents and the Thrice Illustrious Fra Phanar, 33, 90, 95, 97th, addressed to the Supreme Hierophant Universal Inc. *Or-Zam* the affectionate sentiments of the Belgian Fraters of the Rite.'

This Spurious Title Given to Master of Spurious M. & M. Grand Sanctuary in South America.[5]

"On the other hand, the title of Grand World Wide Hierophant Supreme Visible Authority of the Order, 98th degree, was offered to the Thrice Illustrious *Fra Troilo,* Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Santa Fe (Argentine), who accepted it. (See the November issue, 1933, of *Adonhiram.*)

Illegitimate Sovereign Sanctuaries in Switzerland[6] and Elsewhere or Anywhere.

"We learn that the Grand Lodge of Santa Fe was instituted and chartered in 1905 by Pessina, who proclaimed himself 97th, on the death of Fra Garibaldi, but had not been recognized by anyone. Then some illegitimate Sovereign Sanctuaries were created in a baseless manner and without legal authority, in Central Europe, in Switzerland, in India and in China. Furthermore, most of them never functioned. The Grand Master who was designated for India practically ignored all the plotting, intrigues and the irregularities committed. He was a loyal and enlightened man, an occultist of value, and he withdrew from the adventure, without ill-will, with a docility and politeness which were entirely Oriental, from his first contacts with the Belgians and their associates.

The International Congress, Brussels, Called for Aug. 1934 for Lewis,[7] by

Following these facts, an International Congress was convoked at Brussels for the month of August, 1934, with the object of putting on its feet a universal organization and

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[5] Lewis claims that his jurisdiction has been extended to South America. *The Rosicrucian Forum,* December, 1934, p. 69.

[6] In *The Rosicrucian Digest,* February, 1936, Frontispiece, p. 1, Mr. Lewis publishes a photograph of Dr. Ed. Bertholet, K. R. C., whom he describes as "our beloved Grand Master in Switzerland." In *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, pp. 378, 379, Dr. Bertholet is also described as the Grand Master of the Martinist Order, a Masonic Order, based upon the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim. Thus, his R. C. Order in Switzerland becomes a spurious Masonic organization.

[7] In *The Rosicrucian Forum,* December, 1933, p. 79, Lewis gave notice as heretofore quoted of the "Great World Convention" to be convened the next year (1934) when the true leaders of all the properly authorized occult and mystical organizations of the world would come together under the sponsorship of the "Great White Lodge"

Mallinger, His Chief Aide de Camp.

to condemn this Sovereign Sanctuary (the franchise in question) which had refused to recognize them, at least for effect, without a mandate from the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim. This convent was without authority.

H. Spencer Lewis, Right Reverend Sobbitha-Bikkhu, Highest Masonic Authority Existing, Delivered to His Confederates in an Illegitimate Masonic Plot a Masonic Charter of Incontestable Authority (!) As Supreme Invisible Hierophant of the Great White Lodge of Tibet— —Under It— the Congress Met And Distributed the Spoils.

"These promoters, having nothing of value in hand, so again, the old guard, H. Spencer Lewis (alias *Sri-Sobbitha-Bikkhu*), delivered to the illegitimate Belgian Sovereign Sanctuary a charter recognizing himself as the only authority, which having preserved (!!!) the tradition of the Initial Masonry, authorized him [Lewis] to create an International Secretary of the Order, who would evidently be the regulatory power. This Charter was proclaimed to the world (Urli et Orbi)—(See *Adonhiram* of October, 1933, and the *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Santa Fe,* November, 1933) as a superb document and an uncontested and incontestable authority. However, this famous Grand White Lodge of Tibet is unknown to the Masonic World (and is otherwise unrecognized) and possesses neither the authority nor the jurisdiction which it transmitted so generously to the Congress at Brussels.

"The Congress was held between the 10th and 15th of August, 1934. The delegates were carefully selected in secret session and they unscrupulously divided among themselves the Charges and the Dignities.

FUDOSI[8] Created— A Most Unique *Lewistonian* Fraudulent Device.

"On the other hand, at this same Congress an International Organizer was appointed, who at once declared himself the only and unique owner of Universal Initiation, excommunicating in advance all the fraternities and all the groups which would

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and that a list of the "genuine" organizations might be issued—as it was—at the close of the convention. For a year or more prior to August, 1934, his literature was replete with hints and notices that the Great International Congress—the scheme so long planned by him as a fraudulent device—would meet, establish and certify the regularity of his fraternal racket and mystical swindle.

[8] The FUDOSI, created at this Congress—a Lewistonian scheme and a Masonic monstrosity—will be considered at great length as a Rosicrucian Authority, as claimed by Lewis, in Part Four of this chapter.

not come under his flag. Thus FUDOSI was created. (See *Rosicrucian Digest* of November, 1934.)

Lewis—Master-Mind of This Congress—Joined With His Confederates in Approving and in Ratification of Co-Masonry Installed by Mallinger, His Chief Confederate and Promoter of Anti-Masonic Rites and Female Masonry.

"Finally a new violation of the tradition of the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim was accomplished by the approval of the creation of Co-Masonry, announced by Phanar at the Convent of October 29, 1933, which was now sanctioned. This ratification was a godsend in the minds of the congressionists whose sole purpose was to ratify the error of the mixed (Co-Masonic) Lodges, previously camouflaged under the name of Lodges of Adoption, which had caused the condemnations pronounced by the Sovereign Sanctuary of France. But this maneuver could only deceive very naive Masons, as the fourth page of the official Belgian Bulletin, *Adonhiram* (sole responsible editor, Jean Mallinger), had remained during four months (November, 1933, to March, 1934) under the title of Osiris, official organ of the Co-Masonic Order. The criticisms of the regular Masons becoming more severe, it was necessary after March, 1934, to conceal the identity of the sole leader, and to affirm each day, with more strength, the respective independence of the two orders.

These New Leaders Had No Real Masonic Knowledge.

Their Mistakes Exposed Them.

Legitimate Masons And Occultists Learned the Truth and Quickly Withdrew.

Europe Now Clearly "Sees Through" the Great White Lodge Charter Fraud.

"This was the apology and also the swan song. The new leaders admitted, in a sudden manner, to the highest grades, had no real Masonic knowledge. Authoritative by temperament, they committed mistake after mistake and elevated neophytism and companionship to the state of an institution. Incidents multiplied themselves and quarrels became epidemical. Some Masons of good faith, who had joined the impasse, understood that they had been misled and asked for explanations. Those being impossible, it resulted in disintegration. Some facts leaked out in the documentation and certain newspapers published some illuminating revelations. The Charter of the Grand Lodge of Belgium, that is, of the Great White Lodge, was held up to ridicule—which was its ultimate end. Therefore, the authority of the Supreme Consistory of Brussels was undermined at its origin.

Rombauts, Unable to Further Tolerate the Brazen Fraud and White Lodge Hoax, Withdrew, But Lewis and His Confederates Continued Their Masonic Trickery.

"Fra Rombauts, understanding rather late that his confidence had been betrayed, *lulled the Belgian Sovereign Sanctuary to sleep* and, instead of using the authority which he had arrogated, under the cover of the Charter of H. Spencer Lewis, returned into his tower of ivory without occupying himself concerning the disorder his intervention had occasioned. But his decrees were disregarded (his identity being exposed by the very ones who should have kept it secret) and still the promoters pursued their nefarious work, passing themselves off as the authentic directors of the Rite.

"Among these specially to be noted are:

Lawyer Mallinger Is *Sar Elgin.*

"Fra Mallinger, who proclaimed himself Grand Secretary International of the Rite and National Grand Master for Belgium, 97th degree, under the nom de plume of *Sar Elgin.*

Frater Lagreze Is *Sar Mikael.*

"Fra Lagreze, who declared himself substitute of the Grand Visible Hierophant, 97th degree, under the name of *Sar Mikael.*

Lewis, Originally Grand Master U.S.A. in the Scheme, Is *Rev. Sobbitha Bikkhu,* also *Sar Alden.* He Still Clings to Dear Fudosi—His Self-Created "Eminent Authority."

"Fra H. Spencer Lewis, originally Grand Master National for the United States, 97th Degree, and whom it is pretended that they have expelled because of the unsatisfactory charter signed by him, but who continues a campaign in favor of the legitimacy of the powers of Fudosi and to which he refers, and without ceasing, in an attempt to create for himself a world-wide authority. He uses, in addition to that of *Sri Sobbitha Bikkhu,* the name of *Sar Alden.*

Fra Lanval,[9] the Nudist Advocate, Is *Sar Helios.*

"Fra Lanval, who mounted the steps of the hierarchy with unbelievable rapidity, but who concerns himself more with sexual theories, than he does Masonry, assumed the name of *Sar Helios.*

Fra Delaive, Director of Female Masonry, Is *Sar Kapros.*

"Fra Delaive, promoted to the highest degrees of Initiation in a few months, directs, under the name of *Sar Kapros,* the Mixed Belgian (Co-Masonic) Rite, contrary to all the orthodox Masonic laws.

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[9] See our Reproductions No. 53, 53A and 53B.

The Leaders of the Congress and FUDOSI Are Irregulars Seeking to Destroy All Regular Orders Standing in the Way of Their Usurpations.

"On the whole, we find ourselves facing a perfectly illegitimate movement, reposing on an invalid basis, the irregularity of which its leaders could not ignore, since they knew that they were in the presence of organizations long under charter and enjoying an incontestable vitality. In their desire to *dominate and impose themselves upon Masonry,* they tried systematically to eliminate the legitimate Order, because it represented the very negation of their usurpation.

It Was When French Memphis and Mizraim Masons Discovered the Belgian Group Had Created Co-Masonic Lodges, Strange Rites, New Rituals, New Titles and Had Offended Against Every Law and Ancient Landmark of Masonry and Were Preparing to Denounce and Expel Them, That H. Spencer Lewis Seized His Great Opportunity to Issue to Them His Faked White Lodge Charter, to Use Them to Carry Out His Scheme of a World-Congress of Occult Organizations to Create FUDOSI as an Authority for His American R.C. and Masonic Fraud.

"Against these maneuvers, contrary to the Constitution and Anti-Masonic to the highest degree, the reaction of the Sovereign Grand Master of the Sovereign Sanctuary for France and her dependencies was immediate:

1. He called for the return to the tradition of the Rite by the suppression of the mixed (Co-Masonic) Lodges.
2. He informed the Fra Rombauts:
   (a) That the grades introduced in the Hierarchy were the height of folly.
   (b) That the representation of the Rite accorded to him was incompatible with the anti-Masonic activity displayed by him.
   (c) That the path taken by the Belgian group no longer permitted his being considered attached to the Sovereign Sanctuary of France. (See minutes of the reply of Grand Master Bricaud, to Fra Rombauts, August 31, 1933.)
3. The permanent committee of the Sovereign Sanctuary convoked by the Sovereign Grand Master, Jean Bricaud, approved his line of Masonic action.

"Consequently, on September 5, 1933, the Lodge 'Disciples of Pythagores' was stricken off the rolls and its charter was annulled. The other Lodges created by the Belgian group were declared irregular. The Patent No. 95 accorded to Fra Rombauts, 95th degree, and the representation of the Rite in

The Action Taken by the Masons of France Was Good Fraternal Usage.

Belgium, were revoked. But, on the advice of Jean Bricaud, the permanent committee agreed not to publish its sanctions, so as not to provide a new element to the polemics which the Universal Masonry was battling with at that time. He hoped, however, that the incriminated Fraters would have the common sense and loyalty to recognize their errors and repent of their faults. They did nothing.

Lewis Would Not Permit Them to Do Otherwise—Because the Ultimate and Full Success of His Dastardly Scheme Required That They Remain Irregular and Supply Plausible Authority for His American Fraternal Racket.

"But under the plan elaborated by the Frater Rombauts, Mallinger, H. Spencer Lewis, Lagreze, Gruter and others, they continued the irregularities as above exposed.

"Also in November, 1933, when it was confirmed that the Fra Gruter had accepted the Grand Mastership of a Sovereign Sanctuary (illegitimate) for France and the Fra Lagreze had confirmed that he had accepted the offer to collaborate in the revision of the Rituals (it should be said fraudulent plagiarism of the Regular Rituals of the Obedience), *they were relentlessly stricken from the rolls, they having disregarded and violated their oaths of fidelity.* The Official Bulletin of the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim, in the June issue of 1934, published the revocation of their Patents of the 95th Degree.

The Masonic Congress in August, 1934, Held by Irregular and Expelled Memphis-Mizraim Masons, Repudiated and Declared to Be Irregular and Their Acts Void by Regular Masons of That Rite.

"Finally, the Convention of the Sovereign Sanctuary of France held at the Zenith of Lyon, the 1st and 2nd September, 1935, *declared the Congress of Brussels irregular* and the decisions promulgated by it *null and void.* The Assembly protested strongly and with great vehemence against the improper Initiations and the *great increase of salaries to the promoters* made without discernment and with regrettably un-Masonic rapidity. They further confirmed all the condemnations pronounced against the guilty violators of the Rite. They further commissioned the Sovereign Grand Master General to publish these edicts, giving notice of such to all members holding obedience, and to all other Masons of friendly or allied Rites.

Complete Exposé of

"That is why we, the Titled Fraters of the Sovereign Sanctuary of France, its Territories and

Lewis' Masonic-R.C. Scheme and Bold Fraudulent Device Published to All The World.

Dependencies, in solemn Conclave, having weighed all the above words and affirmations, we send forth this present exposé to show to all the Masons to what degree the profane spirit introduced into the Masonic Temple can cause trouble, error and even ridicule, so that it is not possible to qualify this puerile enterprise by any name other than that of profanity.

The FUDOSI[1] Was Lewis' Master Plan to Create an R. C. International Council Composed of Masons to Give Plausible Rosicrucian Authority for His Masonic-Rosicrucian Swindle.

"We must pass in silence many other problems which were upheld and solved ex-cathedra, with puerile pontifical infallibility, by the congress in question. We say little, but remark that *the Supreme Council Sovereign Regulator of the Universal Initiation* (FUDOSI) designed, made and launched by the congress, is composed of three 'Imperators' of which, *naturally,* the Thrice Illustrious Frater, H. Spencer Lewis, was the leader; however, he now sees the *fantastic authority, which he bestowed on the assembly, under cover of the Charter of 'Sri Sobbitha Bikkhu,' ignominiously cancelled* with usurious interest.

"We reserve the right to deal with this series of facts at a future time, if it becomes necessary.

It Will Be Recalled That Lewis Claims R.C. Authority and Masonic Honors by Charter (?) From Reuss-Peregrinus.

"In conclusion, we recall that the Sovereign Sanctuary for France and her Dependencies had been chartered in 1919 by Reuss-Peregrinus replacing the Sovereign Grand Consistory, created in 1908 by Papus and Teder, under Charter from Reuss, who had received his power of authority from John Yarker in 1902. John Yarker was titular head of the Rite by virtue of a Charter granted to him by Illustrious H. J. Seymour in 1872.

"H. J. Seymour was the legitimate Sovereign Grand Master for the United States and its Dependencies by virtue of a Charter granted to him by Jacques Etienne Marconis de Negre on November 9, 1856. This Charter was recognized as valid by the Grand Orient of France under signature of Marshal Magnan. In 1856 pledges of friendship

All Italics in the Text Have Been Supplied.

[1] The Three Imperators of FUDOSI, referred to in the text, will be considered and all facts disclosed in Part Four of this chapter.

were exchanged between Paris and New York (see letter of May 1, 1865, No. 314, Vol. 30, of the correspondence), the Thrice Illustrious Fra Heullent, 33rd degree and Chancellor of the Legion of Honor, and he was the guarantor of friendship of the Grand Orient the Sovereign Sanctuary.

"Given at the Zenith of Paris, this 1st day of March, 1936, E. V.
Signed:

THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER GENERAL,
C. CHEVILLON.

THE GRAND ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL
GRAND CHANCELLOR,
M. DUPONT, 33-90-95."

Lewis Issues Masonic Charters

The Masonic (?) Charter delivered by Lewis, as *Sri* (Reverend) *Sobbitha Bikkhu,*[2] to the illegitimate Belgian Sovereign Sanctuary of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, to which the illegitimate Grand Lodge of Santa Fe, Argentine, South America, is attached, is described in the official *Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Santa Fe,* the Organ of *Fra Troilo*, in the November issue, 1933, No. 24, page 17, as follows:

Italics Ours. Lewis Has Made Similar Claims[3] for AMORC, His Fraternal Swindle. Remember, Lewis *Is* Sri Sobbitha Bikkhu. This Description of His Special Charter to Memphis-Mizraim Masons Reads as if

"The Great White Lodge of Tibet, *supreme organism governing all the Fraternities of Initiation of the Globe,* thought it well to show its confidence in the activities of our Belgium FF° of the *Memphis-Mizraim,* by giving us a *Special Charter* signed by the T. Ill. F. *Sri Sobbitha Bikkhu,* Grand Hierophant of the Great White Lodge. . . . Thus in this manner is our Rite acknowledged to be the faithful keeper of the Grand esoteric traditions of the Ancient Mysteries. . . . Our FF° do appreciate this

[2] See our Reproduction No. 50. Lewis acknowledges that he is *Sri Sobbitha Bikkhu* of the Great White Lodge of Tibet.

[3] See pp. 136 and 137 of this volume for Lewis' description of *"The Supreme High Council of the Universe"* and the authority he claims this non-existing Council conferred upon him.

Lewis Had Written It for Them—And He Fooled Them Also.

honor very much, as coming from the Masters of the real Initiates and promise to realize the real initiation which is lost by many *obediences*."

However, this "Special Charter," extraordinary and universal, of incontestable and uncontested authority, issued by the arch-pretender of the universe, did not prove to be of great value, even unto those irregular and expelled Memphis-Mizraim Masons with whom he conspired. After the Congress of Brussels, in which they aided him in creating FUDOSI, an "International Council R. C.," as an authority for himself and his "specialized American fraternal swindle, they discovered that the "Special Charter" of the *Great White Lodge of Tibet,* executed and delivered by *Sri Sobbitha Bikkhu,* Grand Hierophant of "Hocus-Pocus," was and is absolutely worthless and entirely spurious. They denounced that "Special Charter" and now refuse to recognize it. Because Lewis deceived them so grossly and embarrassed and humiliated them so deeply, they claim to have expelled him from their illegitimate Sovereign Sanctuary of the Rite Memphis-Mizraim, notwithstanding he is said to be the Thrice Illustrious Frater H. Spencer Lewis, 97°, and originally slated to be Grand Master National for the United States, in their scheme of world-wide illegitimate and fraudulent Masonry and occultism.

The "Masonic" Congress of Brussels

Although the Congress of Brussels, August, 1934, was held, manipulated and controlled by leaders, all of whom were discredited or expelled Memphis-Mizraim Masons, and it has been denounced and declared to be an irregular and clandestine Masonic Congress by the Sovereign Sanctuary of France of that Rite—yet, nevertheless, the real purpose—that deep, ultra-secret scheme which was under and beneath all of its proceedings—was the deep-laid and cunningly manipulated Master-plan of H. Spencer Lewis to use that Congress of discredited Masons to create for himself and his fraudulent Rose Cross Order in America a spurious "International Rosicrucian Council" to condemn the authentic Rosicrucian Order in America, and to certify to the genuineness and authenticity of his fraternal swindle. This he succeeded in doing when he created the "FUDOSI" federation. However, to accomplish

his base object and to set up his fraudulent device, he did it in the name of Masonry, used and misused Masonry and Masons, issued bogus Masonic Charters and trampled beneath his feet and into the dust every noble precept, holy principle and ancient landmark of Masonry.

After the truth began to leak out and his members and others begain to raise questions about the Congress of Brussels and FUDOSI—his "Rosicrucian authority" created by discredited Masons—a serious situation was presented to Mr. Lewis. Especially did they want to know about the Freemasonic nature of the Congress that created his "International R. C. Council." But, being exceedingly cunning by nature and ever on the alert by necessity, in April, 1935, he made a remarkable explanation, totally disassociating Masonry and Masons with the Congress, but keeping organizations of a Freemasonic nature closely associated with FUDOSI, especially the *Martinist Order,* whose teachings he had agreed to add to his own, as follows:

All Italics Ours. None Are of Real Masonic Nature, but Clandestinely of Pretended Masonic Nature.

"In answer to many questions that have been asked on one point, I wish to say that it will be noted that in the list of affiliated bodies the FUDOSI *does not include any organization of a Freemasonic nature,* despite the fact that some persons believe that such is the case. In the first place, Freemasonry throughout the world is so organized and so universally distributed with its various Grand Lodges and inter-allied organizations or councils that it is practically an international federation itself and would have naught to gain by uniting with any other federation. In the second place, Freemasonry is not a mystical, Cosmic, occult, Hermetic organization in the sense that we have outlined in the foregoing statements. It is just as different in this regard as is the Theosophical Society, or the Vedanta Society, or others.

This the Argument of a Very Cunning, Unscrupulous Arch-Pretender, to Cover His Tracks and to Conceal His Acts.

None But Illegal Masonic and Other Spurious Orders.

"There are *various forms of Freemasonic activities* in foreign countries, *but none* of these are in any form or manner a *part of the federation.* We who journeyed from North America to Belgium to participate in this congress as representatives of the Rosicrucian Order [!!!] received many forms of reception and were *given many charters and doc-*

Collecting Charters.

Does It Take So Many Charters to Establish the Authenticity of the Wholly Spurious? Only Spurious Orders Require So Many Charters.

uments of affiliation with the other allied organizations of the federation, and signed various documents of greetings and affiliation with other organizations, but *none* of these *charters, documents, or papers related to Freemasonry, or any form of Freemasonry,* nor did they bear any agreements, promises, or acknowledgments to any other organizations than those listed above."[4]

The above-mentioned list of organizations said to be members of the federation FUDOSI, alleged to be Rosicrucian Orders of non-Masonic nature, will be presently quoted and discussed in Part IV of this Chapter. For the present, let us show how and in what manner he proposes to introduce in America teachings and rituals of a Freemasonic nature as a part of the teachings of a fraudulent R. C. Order. Continuing in the same article, he says:

Italics Ours. To Use Rituals and Teachings of *Martinist Order,* But Nothing of a Masonic Nature.

"The AMORC in North America agreed to add to its teachings and its principles and to its special ceremonies the initiations of several of the allied organizations mentioned above, including the *Martinist Order,* of which the AMORC of North America is the sole and exclusive Supreme Sanctum for this jurisdiction, but the AMORC has not agreed to conduct any ceremonies or offer any teachings or use any symbolism or ritual pertaining to any other organizations than those mentioned in the above list, and *has no plans and no intentions of including in its activities anything of a Freemasonic nature,* or of a Theosopohical nature, or of any other organization that may attempt to introduce its activities in America unless it is of some definite mystical, Cosmic, Hermetic organization that may be admitted to the Federation by vote of the delegates at some later sessions of the executive council of the Federation."

Perhaps he has introduced and is now using that which purports to be the rituals and teachings of the Martinist Order as a fraudulent Masonic device of his R. C. swindle; at least, he has left no room for doubt that such is his intention. Almost a year

[4] *Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1935, p. 98.

previous, he had declared that:

Italics Ours.
The Exclusive Authority of the Martinist Order Granted to Lewis, a Non-Mason? Impossible! Martinist Order Is of a Masonic Nature.

"Somewhere in the United States, and possibly in Canada and Mexico, are living those few who received initiation in the Martinist Order in Europe and elsewhere in the past years, *and it is our purpose now to get in touch with these and, with the new authority and power granted by the Federation, establish a Supreme Council of the Martinist Order for North America and offer its rituals, teachings and highly spiritual principles to our advanced Rosicrucian members.*

"According to the vote of the Supreme Grand Master and Council of the Martinist Order in Europe, the *exclusive authority for the Martinist Order for North America rests in the hands of the Supreme Lodge of AMORC* through charters granted personally to the Imperator for North America."[5]

The Martinist Order

Mr. Lewis has declared repeatedly that none of the rituals and teachings which he acquired at the Congress of Brussels through FUDOSI for his fraternal racket, to be used in connection therewith, are of a *Freemasonic* nature, while at the same time asserting that he intends to establish a Supreme Council of the Martinist Order for North America under his exclusive grant of power (!) through FUDOSI and give the teachings to members of AMORC. That is consistency—genuine Lewistonian racketeering consistency—used to support and promote his fraternal swindle.

The Martinist Order is purely of a *Masonic nature,* as is well known to all who are informed upon the subject—a fact that no one can successfully deny. It is an absolute prerequisite to membership in the Martinist Order that all applicants for membership therein must be and all persons admitted as members thereof shall be MASTER MASONS.

For those not informed on the subject, we quote from a letter of J. Bricaud, former Grand Master of the Martinist Order, as

[5] *Rosicrucian Digest,* December, 1934, p. 69.

follows:

> "To belong to the Martinist Order, as you know, you are required to have the Third Grade (the Master's degree) of Masonry. Only on this condition is it possible to join the Martinist Order. With the same mail, I am sending to you several copies of the *Annualis Initiatiques*. In one of these numbers you will find an historical account of the Martinist Order."[6]

As a matter of sober and solemn fact, Lewis does not possess the authority he claims from the Martinist Order—such authority could not be granted to him for the reason that he is not a Master Mason. Nor did he receive such authority through the Congress of Brussels, via FUDOSI, because the authentic Martinist Order was not represented, and did not participate in that Congress of clandestinism. Mr. C. Chevillon, Grand Master of the Martinist Order, who is also the Sovereign Grand Master General of the Masonic Order Ancient and Primitive of Memphis and Mizraim for France, has denounced that spurious Congress in no uncertain terms. There was a clandestine Martinist Order, known as the "Martiniste and Synarchique Ordre," represented in that Congress by Mr. Victor Blanchard, otherwise known as *Sar Yesir,* who was one of the three Imperators who formed the "Supreme Triangle" of the FUDOSI—the other two being Danthine, alias *Sar Hieronymus,* Imperator of Europe, and H. Spencer Lewis, alias *Sar Alden,* Imperator of America. The "Supreme Triangle" of FUDOSI, shall have further and more elaborate consideration in Part IV of this Chapter.

Let us for a brief moment sketch the historical background of the Martinist Order. Cagliostro, called "The Divine" by his followers, was the founder of certain Freemasonic Rites known as Egyptian Masonry. The origin and the real name of Cagliostro are shrouded in mystery. All accurate information concerning him dates from the time of his appearance in London, with his wife, Lerenza Felicianni, about the year 1770. It was in London, in

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[6] This quotation is made from a letter written to the author on the stationery of the Supreme Council of the Martinist Order by J. Bricaud, Grand Master, at 8 Rue Bugeaud, Lyon, France, under date of April 20, 1928. The remainder of this letter will be quoted in Chapter Five in connection with the subject matter therein treated. Grand Master J. Bricaud made the transition on February 21, 1934.

April, 1771, that he was initiated in "Esperance" Lodge. About that time he founded his rites which, in all probability, afterward became the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, with European Masonry grafted upon them. As the founder of the rite, he conferred upon himself the title of Thrice Illustrious Grand Master, and was also known as the "Grand Kopht." He founded several Lodges throughout Europe. In 1775, he founded a Lodge in Lyon, France, under the name of "Sagesse Triomphante," i. e., Triumphant Wisdom. John Yarker, in his *Arcane Schools,* claims that the Rites of Cagliostro were those of Martinez de Pasqually, who founded his rites in 1754 and introduced them into Masonic Lodges in France. Saint Martin was one of his disciples, helped him to formulate some of his degrees, and greatly assisted in carrying the teaching into many Lodges. It was upon the combined Masonic rituals and teachings of Cagliostro, Martinez de Pasqually and St. Martin, that Papus (Dr. M. Gerard Encausse), the French Magus, founded the Martinist Order. The order of succession of its Grand Masters is as follows: Papus, founder and First Grand Master to date of his death, 1916; Teder from 1916 to 1918; Jean Bricaud from 1918 to February 21, 1934, and C. Chevillon from February 21, 1934,to date.[7]

Victor Blanchard was Secretary of the Martinist Order under Grand Masters Papus and Teder. In 1920 he withdrew from the order and created the *Martiniste and Synarchique Ordre,* ordaining himself Grand Master, after the fashion of our great American Imperator. Claiming authority under Victor Blanchard, as he does, it is obvious that Lewis possesses no authority from the authentic Martinist Order of true Masonic nature, and that he is simply using his alleged and spurious claims to such authority as a subterfuge and fraudulent device in connection with and as a part of his Masonic-R. C. swindle.

Rose Croix

Croix, the French word for cross, has been adopted and long used by Masons of the Scottish Rite as a part of the distinctive name or title of their Eighteenth Degree, which is known to the

[7] The facts stated are verified by numerous Fraternal Communications from the Martinist Order, in our archives.

public generally, as well as to Masons, as the *"Rose Croix"*; therefore, this term or title, by virtue of its general and continuous usage by Scottish Rite Masonry, especially in the United States, has become intimately and most exclusively associated with Masonry —indeed, so much so, that the use of the term *Rose Croix* by any non-Masonic organization in the United States may well be calculated to, and actually does, deceive and mislead the public generally, and Masons, especially those who are not as well advised upon the subject as they should be, into the belief that the organization so using such term or distinctive Masonic appellation is a Masonic Order, or affiliated therewith.

Mr. Lewis, being fully aware of all of this, has made general use of the distinctive Masonic term *Rose Croix* as a Masonic device to promote his spurious Rose Cross[8] enterprise and fraternal swindle. For the past few years, Mr. Lewis has been sending to his members who reach his fourth degree a booklet entitled, *The Treasure Chest Message,* containing a certificate, prepared and printed in San Jose, California, but mailed and postmarked in Egypt,[9] offering them special lessons, for which he solicited donations; the certificate purporting to have been issued by the *"Rose Croix of Egypt, Sovereign Sanctuary of the Grand Orient,"* but in reality issued by himself, and also purporting to have been signed by *Sar Tschetta,* F. R. C., 33°, 95°, Grand Master *ad vitam,* and sealed with a Masonic seal,[1] thus making the certificate distinctively Masonic.

On November 16, 1934, he incorporated in the State of California, as a part of his fraternal enterprise, an institution known as the ROSE CROIX UNIVERSITY OF NORTH AMERICA, the certificate of incorporation providing, among other things, that it "is formed for religious, social, educational and recreational purposes, and especially: to found, establish and conduct a university, college or other institution of learning; to provide for instructions in such

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[8] In the United States the Rosicrucians do not use the French, but the English spelling of the word Cross. Therefore the Fraternity is known only as the Rose Cross or Rosy Cross, which avoids all misunderstanding and deception, which arose, as pointed out in the text, from the use of the French spelling for Cross.

[9] All of which was admitted by Lewis in his testimony in the Federal Court at San Francisco, in the case of Roy W. and E. H. Smith vs. AMORC and the Lewis family. See Official Transcript of the Testimony, pp. 153 to 160.

[1] See fac-simile of this certificate, our Reproduction No. 26, Volume I, p. 387.

branches of learning as are taught in universities, colleges and other educational institutions."[2] This so-called Rose Croix University he is now using as a part and parcel of his fraternal scheme or spurious Rose Cross Order.

The gross misuse and abuse of the Masonic term *Rose Croix,* as above pointed out, and also in other ways, is a rank imposition on American Masonry; it is well calculated to deceive—does deceive—and is a fraudulent device used by Mr. Lewis to promote his fraternal racket and Masonic-ized Rose Cross swindle.

Masonic Seals

In certain Masonic Rites the official signatures of the high officials of those rites are always accompanied by seals in the nature of multiple crosses of different designs and in accordance with the rank of the official. These multiple cross seals are distinctively Masonic and the use of them in connection with their signatures clearly indicates that they are the signatures of Masons of certain indicated rank or of certain official standing. Mr. Lewis illustrated the use of these Masonic seals in his "Exhibit No. 9," upon which we have heretofore commented.[3]

At the time Lewis fabricated his spurious fraternal enterprise or so-called R. C. Order he also fabricated and adopted for it certain symbols. These symbols were first published in 1915, on page 5 of his first propaganda booklet, entitled: *The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis in the United States of America, Its History, Purposes and Symbolism.* We reproduce herein said page 5 of symbolism, showing said symbols.[4] At that time he called himself the *"Grand Master General"*[5] of his newly fabricated fraternal enterprise, adopted for himself the "Great Seal of the Grand Master General," containing the compass, distinctively Masonic, and the "Sacred Insignia of the Grand Master Gen-

[2] Quoted from a certified copy of *Articles of Incorporation* of Rose Croix University of North America, under the certificate of the Secretary of State and the Great Seal of the State of California.

[3] See *White Book D,* p. 25, and our comment thereon and his wrongful use of such Masonic seals and signatures on p. 142, Chapter Three, of this volume.

[4] See our Reproduction No. 68 at the end of Chapter Five and note the Great Seal and the Sacred Insignia of the Grand Master General, lower right corner.

[5] Grand Master General is a title of the Masonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim.

eral," consisting of a multiple cross, strikingly similar to said Masonic signature seals, which Masonic-like signature seal he has since used in connection with his official signature as Imperator of his spurious R. C. Order.

Mr. Crowley, the present secret chief of the O. T. O., an organization operating under a Masonic Charter of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim,[6] always accompanies his signature of "Baphomet" by a Masonic multiple cross seal, and Lewis uses a multiple cross seal strikingly similar to that used with and as a part of Crowley's signature of *Baphomet,* as we have heretofore shown and fully demonstrated.[7]

Thus, by the use of a Masonic signature seal, another of his fraudulent Masonic devices, together with the habitual employment of many other fraudulent Masonic and Rosicrucian devices, he has created and operates his gigantic Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

Space does not permit us to bring into review, at this time, all of the many cunning Masonic devices he has used, or to show in detail the many different strategic methods employed by him to successfully utilize them in his grand scheme of racketeering in clandestine fraternalism. Sufficient of his Masonic devices and ample facts have been shown to enable us to demonstrate and establish beyond all question that the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis—AMORC, as fabricated and compounded by H. Spencer Lewis, and as operated by himself and his son, Ralph, is a Masonic and Rosicrucian fraud and a wicked fraternal swindle.

Lewis Is Not a Master Mason

Although he used and abused Masonry; has laid many claims to Masonic affiliations; has taken complete charge of Masonry; has placed it under the benevolent protection and excellent management of his spurious non-existent "Great White Lodge of Tibet," and has issued Masonic Charters to spurious and clandestine Masonic Sovereign Sanctuaries; although he held and manipulated a faked Masonic Congress that created for him an "International Rosicrucian Council" (!) which recognized his fabricated fraternal racket as the only genuine Rose Cross Order

[6] See Part V of this chapter.

[7] See our Reproductions Nos. 30 and 31, Volume I, pp. 362 and 363.

in America, and although he has written voluminously and boasted exceedingly of the great, grand, heretofore unknown "Masonic Honors" that have been conferred upon—literally "smeared on" —the ultra-great, Thrice Illustrious Imperator—the Most Perfect Master Profundis of the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraud and Deceit; yet, all of his Noble Masonic acts were *null* and *void,* his great Masonic honors for naught esteemed, and instead, his Masonic acts in truth and fact were and are *only* fraudulent devices and his great Masonic honors badges of fraud, all because—simply *because* at this writing HE IS NOT AN ACCREDITED MASTER MASON IN THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

His Masonic record in this country and the Masonic jurisdiction wherein he resides and is operating his aforesaid swindle may be briefly stated as follows: In 1917, a short time after he launched his spurious Rosicrucian Order in New York City, he made application for membership in Normal Lodge No. 523, at Sixth Avenue and Twenty-third Street, New York City, under the jurisduction of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He was accepted as an Entered Apprentice, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft; so far, so good; however, at this stage, his Masonic troubles—which have since become chronic—began to multiply and to become serious.

The brethren began to investigate and concluded that he was seeking the Masonic Secret work and rituals to use, together with the good name of the fraternity, in connection with his spurious Masonic and Rosicrucian-like fabrication which he was then organizing. Accordingly, upon his petition for the Master Degree he was stopped by a very "black" and most adverse ballot, and all the rights and privileges of a Mason were thereafter denied to him.[8] He has asked for reinstatement, but without success. Later, he again made application in Master Mason Lodges in Tampa, Florida, and San Jose, California, but was denied admission. It has been said of him by his former Grand Treasurer and close associate that he is "one of the few persons in the United States

[8] Time has proven the judgment of the members of Normal Lodge to have been correct and their action fully justified. Lewis' recent anti-Masonic conduct in Europe, as shown by the foregoing report of French Masons, and the constant misuse of Masonry in the promotion of his fraternal racket have proved the wisdom of the denial of his Master's degree.

of America against whom there is a warning on file in every [Masonic] Grand Lodge Jurisdiction."[9] It is, therefore, obvious that Lewis has been fully discredited and has no Masonic standing.

Rites of Memphis and Mizraim

Mr. Lewis cannot controvert the above stated facts, but he may, with his ever-resourceful plausibility, claim that his Masonic standing is well founded under the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, notwithstanding that he resides in the United States and Masonically is subject to the jurisdiction of American Masonry, wherein those rites are generally regarded and in some jurisdictions have been declared to be clandestine Masonry.[1] However, for our present purpose we may disregard the Masonic standing of those Rites in the United States. That question becomes and is immaterial for one peremptory reason and a secondary reason that is almost as conclusive, namely: First, the peremptory reason: Lewis is not a Master Mason, which, as heretofore stated, is the *Foundation of all Masonry.* The three Craft or symbolic degrees are fundamental and must be conferred in the due order of succession in regular lodges duly constituted—they cannot be communicated as honorary degrees or as "Masonic Honors." These degrees are found in substantially the same form wherever Masonry exists, and nowhere in the wide world can a man be a Mason without them.[2] This is so universally accepted as true that it needs no citation of Masonic authority to confirm it.

Therefore, the honorary 33rd, 90th and 95th degrees of the Rite of Memphis and Mizraim and the honorary membership in the Sovereign Sanctuary of those rites for Germany, Switzerland and Austria, granted to Lewis by Reuss-Peregrinus under certificate[3] of the Order of the Oriental Templars, under date of July 30, 1921, were null and void, without effect from the beginning, and conferred upon him no Masonic rights or standing even under

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[9] Letter of Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, April 5, 1935.

[1] See Article on *The Spurious Rites of Memphis and Mizraim* issued 1935 by the Grand College of Rites of the United States, *Square and Compass,* Vol. 44, No. 10, pp. 68 et seq.; No. 11, pp. 46 et seq., and No. 12, pp. 40 et seq. Issues of December, 1935, January and February, 1936.

[2] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 15, 249 and 258.

[3] See our Reproduction No. 40.

the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim.

Second, the conclusive secondary reason: If, at any time, he was for any reason, however meager, entitled to any Masonic consideration, however slight, from the Memphis-Mizraim Masons, he has forfeited it by his anti-Masonic conduct and the abuse of their rites for which they have justly condemned him; therefore, he has no Masonic standing under those rites and deserves the universal Masonic condemnation which he has received.

The Thomson Masonic Fraud

Matthew McBlain Thomson, fabricator of the *American Masonic Federation,* a fraudulent device, which he operated successfully and unmolested for several years in the perpetuation of a fraternal swindle, was convicted, with two of his associates, Thomas Perrot and Dominic Bergera, at Salt Lake City, Utah, May 15, 1922, of using the mails to defraud. The indictment and conviction of Thomson and his associates was the culmination of efforts of the United States Government, begun in 1915 and diligently pursued for seven years, to have a just reckoning with the perpetrators of one of the most ingenious mail frauds, and one of the most daring and spectacular Masonic impostors and fraternal racketeers in American history.[4] This case should be carefully studied by all investigators of fraternal frauds.

That we may better understand and see the full significance of the Lewis fraternal swindle, which he continues to operate, unmolested by governmental authorities, it will be instructive and illuminating to compare it with Thomson's fraud, whom the government prosecuted, convicted and sent to prison. In some respects they are alike, while in others they bear striking similarities—except that the Lewis scheme is more confusing, complicated, daring, far-reaching and ingenious. It is regrettable that we shall have space only for a comparison of a few of the major points of exact likenesses and general similarities.

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[4] A full report of this case and a splendid account of this fraud are given in a well-edited volume of 268 pages by Isaac Blair Evans, under the title of *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* to be found in all Masonic libraries and may be purchased through all book dealers or direct from the author at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Expelled and Discredited Masons

Thomson was an expelled and discredited Mason.[5] Lewis is a stopped—denied—ousted and discredited Mason—both have made many varied, fantastic claims to Masonic authority, high standing and great honors,[6] which they alike have wrongfully used to promote their respective fraudulent schemes and fraternal rackets. Both, probably coincidental, originally claimed authority for their respective enterprises by, through and from institutions in the quaint and mystical French cities of Toulouse and Montpelier,[7] which each of them afterward abandoned for a more substantial authority issuing out of a Supreme Council from a foreign land. Both made trips to Europe, at the expense of their followers, to attend Council meetings and International Congresses,[8] and came back with glowing fictitious accounts of their marvelous accomplishments for the benefit (!) and fascination of their followers. Both, being egotists of the first water, neither tolerating opposition to the slightest degree, but promptly and unscrupulously expelling and excommunicating those of their victims who question their authority or their methods.[9] Thomson was charged by Mr. Jas. F. Robinson, the Grand Secretary of the authentic Grand Lodge of *regular* Masonry of Oregon, with running a spurious and fraudulent Masonic Order. He published many articles exposing his fallacious claims. Thomson sued him for libel, boasting to his followers that he would once and for all time settle the matter of his superior Masonic authority. The case came to trial before a jury, and two days were occupied in presenting the evi-

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[5] See *Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 117, 122, 193 and 208.

[6] Thomson made exorbitant claims to his unexcelled Masonic standing, the high offices he had held, and the glorious titles and great Masonic honors that had been showered upon him, which he published from time to time in his official organ—*The Universal Mason.* See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 43, 44 and 45. We are familiar with Lewis' claims in this respect.

[7] For Thomson's claims see *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 52. For the Lewis claims see Chapter Five, this volume. Both were weird and fantastic claims.

[8] As to Thomson's European trips and accounts thereof, see *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 108, 145 and 240. As to Lewis' many trips and glowing accounts thereof, his literature is replete, much of which is discussed elsewhere herein. See also Volume I, p. 403.

[9] As to Thomson's actions in this respect see *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 67, 113 and 161; as to Lewis touching on the same point see Volume I, p. 402 and Chapter Six of this volume.

dence. The jury was out but twenty minutes and returned a verdict against Thomson.[1] He said nothing of his defeat in his magazine and went on with his game. Lewis had the same experience, but he took no chances on a jury verdict—with unscrupulous cunning far excelling his predecessor, in fraternal fraud, Lewis *paid his way out* and by a fraud on the court secured a false finding as to his authority.[2] Both made fallacious claims of authority from the Martinist Order[3] and each relied, in the final analysis, upon the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim,[4] as we shall later see, as the ultimate and final source of their spurious and non-existent authority. There are many other points of striking similarity between their various claims of authority and their methods of making those claims that we must here pass unnoticed as to their infinite variety of details, since space will only permit a meager general review of the salient points of their much-alike schemes.

Conceit and Self-Glorification

Mr. Blair, author of *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* at page 259, painted a word picture of the self-conceit of pretenders and charlatans that is alike applicable to them all, as follows:

> "Thomson lacked nothing in self-esteem. He gloried in the hollow pomp and mock glory that went with his multitude of large titles. Some of his former disciples say that he fed upon flattery like a mediaeval king, and that the fawning sycophant was the only person who stood any chance of winning his favor. All the high positions were reserved for Thomson. It is arguable that one of the principal motives back of all his activities was a consuming desire to satisfy this colossal vanity."

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[1] See *Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 124-126.

[2] See Chapter One of this volume for Lewis' adventure in establishing his authority in the Court of Record.

[3] As to Thomson's claims, see *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 143 and 125. We have just discussed a similar claim made by Lewis.

[4] As to Thomson's use and reliance upon the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, see *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 43, 67, 84, 134, 142, 159, 168, 176 to 178, 222, 225 and 245. Lewis' reliance upon the same Masonic rites is dealt with and fully shown in this chapter.

A more accurate or better word picture of Lewis, his successor in fraternal fraud, upon the same points, cannot be painted. All pretenders are vain, selfish and jealous of their position which they unscrupulously maintain—it is an ever-present badge of their fraud. No man with independent ideas or of questioning mind could long associate with them on amicable terms; they are always the arch-charlatans of the groups, and they brook no rivals. Vain, egotistical and loquacious, they are the guiding spirits of the whole shady business, and by their fruits we know them. A close examination of the literature disseminated by them will at once place them, not in the company of modest men and celebrated scholars, but with notorious impostors.

Confusion—Expert Deception

Much confusion exists as to the origin of Masonry and the Fraternity of the Rosy Cross, as well as to their relation to each other. Both being secret societies, the true history of neither has been written and published to the world. Much loose, wholly unreliable and spurious literature concerning these two great and truly mysterious, secret fraternities has been written and widely circulated by charlatans and pretenders such as Thomson and Lewis. The writings and histories of the most careful and sincere investigators abound with errors, and even the writings and works of members thereof do not give true, but all too often, conflicting accounts. Thus, much conflict and confusion exists.

Thomson and Lewis, being expert deceptionists—shrewd and cunning, and without conscientious scruples or mental reservation, being fully aware of the conflict and confusion that exists, set up their spurious orders in its midst and took full advantage of it. To successfully promote their fraudulent schemes, it was necessary for them to closely imitate the genuine orders and to challenge the authenticity of the established authentic organizations of the Masons and Rosicrucians; this they both did without hesitation and with brazen effrontery—defending themselves with intricate misrepresentations, cunning deception, citation of conflicting and spurious authorities, and escaped from immediate detection in the confusion that existed which they complicated and made more confusing to serve their purposes.

Both being clever writers, fascinating and convincing speakers, each used his extraordinary faculties and talents with all the practiced art of the unscrupulous promoter. Each boldly and emphatically claimed to be an expert authority upon Masonry and kindred subjects. In 1914, Thomson had Robert S. Spence, his secretary and co-editor of his magazine, issue his challenge to the world, in these words:

> "Matthew McBlain Thomson is, without fear of contradiction, the brightest Mason in the United States; I put this forth as a challenge to any Masonic wiseacre who desires to take issue with the statement."[5]

Even so, Lewis also claims to be an expert and to know all about Masonry and Rosicrucianism, and when questioned or exposed, he writes voluminously and confusingly, making all manner of plausible misrepresentations and using all his subtle arts of cunning deceit—finally winding up by challenging anybody and everybody to debate.[6]

International Masonic Congress

To strengthen his spurious claims of authority which were gradually failing him and to construct a new fraudulent device to take the place of those that were surely collapsing, Thomson made a trip to Europe in July, 1920, to attend a meeting of what he called the "International Masonic Federation," held at Zurich. He had, for a long time, led his followers to believe that eventually a world-wide federation would be created which would control Masonry and of which he and his associates would be the leaders. The Congress of Zurich, as explained by Thomson, was for the purpose of taking up the work of the First Congress of International Freemasons, under the leadership of Papus (Dr. M. Gerard Encausse), held in Paris, in June, 1908, for the purpose of starting a Universal Federation of Freemasonry.[7]

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[5] See *Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 71.

[6] See Volume I, pp. 133 et seq. and Chapter Seven of this volume.

[7] Mr. Lewis claimed that this was a Congress or International Council of Rosicrucians. See his Exhibit No. 6, *White Book D,* our Reproduction No. 43 and the proceedings of that Congress, our Reproduction Nos. 45 to 45E and the text in Part II of this chapter.

A full account of his travels and universal recognition accorded to him, telling of the great work of the International Masonic Congress, as well as what purported to be minutes thereof, was published by Thomson in *The Universal Mason* for December, 1920. He made much ado about this Congress.[8] Theodor Reuss was present as the representative of the O. T. O. and the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim for Germany, Switzerland, Great Britain and Ireland, but the Congress was a farce and not representative, so Reuss withdrew at the beginning and did not participate.

At his trial, Thomson was forced to admit, on cross-examination, that the Congress of Zurich was a farce, a snare and a delusion, and that only six or seven men were present.[9]

This is a typical and fine example of how pretenders and fraudulent promoters, racketeering in fraternalism, support, lift and sustain themselves by their own boot-straps.

The times that Lewis has done this same thing and resorted to the same tactics are too numerous to relate here. His literature abounds with accounts of his attendance at R. C. International Councils and Congresses, all faked and fictitious. Some of these we have discussed and others we shall discuss in this Volume.

Universal Unimpeachable Authority

Both claimed unlimited and universal authority with the resulting right to work *every* rite, to teach *every* doctrine and to disclose *every* secret teaching to their followers—real or fictitious, known and unknown, existent and non-existent, and all those sublime secrets and holy rites lost for generations but recovered by them, which they alone possessed and could give to the gullible victims of their all-inclusive occult, mystic, Masonic and fraternal swindles. Both issued long, imposing and mystifying announcements, proclamations and pronunciamentos concerning their extraordinary and unimpeachable authority. They were—and Lewis still is—the Lord High Moguls and Popes—unlimited of universal initiation, and wisdom will die with him. Let us hope that all occult frauds, mystic swindles and racketeering in brotherly

[8] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 145-146.

[9] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 240.

love and fraternalism will also depart with them.

Thomson made fabulous and impossible claims to everything and to all manner of impossible, conflicting and irreconcilable authority under a charter dated April 20, 1898, from the *Scottish Grand Council of Rites,* which was proven in his trial to have been spurious and a fraudulent device which he used to promote and perpetuate his fraudulent scheme.[1]

Lewis claims his fabulous, stupendous, universal and unimpeachable authority under and by virtue of a charter, dated October 20, 1920, from the *Great White Lodge of Tibet,*[2] a fictitious, nonentity and fraudulent device, under which he fabricated FUDOSI, his present source of authority—his latest and last model of fraudulent devices. In the September issue, 1921, of *The Triangle,* his then official organ, he set forth his exorbitant claims, and gave a partial list of the secret orders, rites and universal initiatory authority under his immediate control.[3] He claimed for his fraudulent order, the AMORC, *"all ancient and modern Secret Rites."* He claimed everything that Thomson claimed and more—Lewis' scheme being more modern and of later design—and he being much smarter and more cunning than Thomson in many ways—is better planned, more complicated, intricate and confusing, and more cleverly designed than that of Thomson, who, in the main, dealt only with Masonry, whereas Lewis confuses Masonry and Rosicrucianism and derives his "Rosicrucian authority" by way of, through and under ancient and primitive Masonic Rites. Thomson was convicted of a Masonic Fraud. Lewis, his successor in fraternal racketeering, has improved somewhat on his fraudulent devices and swindling schemes and created for himself and his son a Hierarchy of Masonic and Rosicrucian Fraud, which shady enterprise he conducts, principally by mail and magazine advertisements sent through the mail, under a Rosicrucian appellation and as the original, ancient and only authentic Rose Cross Order in America—or in the world, for that matter.

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[1] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 45, 59, 84 and 159.

[2] For *fac-simile* of this Charter, see our Reproduction No. 51 and the discussion of this Charter in Part IV of this chapter.

[3] For Lewis' description of his spurious *"Supreme High Council of the Universe"* and his claims of authority thereunder, see pages 135, 136 and 137, Chapter III of this volume. Thomson's claims under his spurious *Scottish Grand Council of Rites* were very much the same and almost as fabulous and as ridiculous.

Thomson's exorbitant, fabulous, unreasonable, conflicting and impossible claims of authority proved to be *badges of fraud* that led to his downfall. He claimed too much, made too many impossible and conflicting claims,[4] got too bold, ventured too far, talked too much, and at the end bargained without a host, and got caught. Lewis, though cautiously yet almost exactly, is following in his footsteps. Lewis, now being exposed on every hand and involved in numerous law suits, is battling desperately to save his dynasty of fraud and to save himself from the ultimate and inevitable fate and just desserts of his illustrious predecessor in fraternal fraud.

Thomson's Final Claim and Conviction

Thomson had at one time been a Master Mason, in good standing, and rightfully possessed many of the higher degrees; however, on account of his anti-Masonic conduct, his inclination to rule the Craft, and to be the Most Worshipful and Thrice Illustrious Grand Master General, and particularly on account of his natural predisposition to sharp practices, shady enterprise, fraternal racketeering and trafficking in brotherly love, he was expelled as a Master Mason, from the Blue Lodge, and thereupon ceased to be a Mason, and as a result thereof all his higher degrees fell to the ground and ceased to exist, being without Masonic foundation to support them.

It was shown that his alleged sources of authority were spurious and that he could not legally exercise Masonic authority in the United States, even under a charter rightfully granted by a regular foreign Masonic power, because the territory was Masonically occupied—thus recognizing the universally established fraternal usage and law upon that subject.

The gravamen, the basis or essential part of his fraud, was that he was not a Master Mason; that he did not possess the right to confer the Craft degrees and, consequently, no right to confer or communicate any of the higher degrees.[5]

Thomson made many conflicting and confusing claims as to his

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[4] Lewis' impossible, conflicting and spurious claims of authority will be reviewed in Chapter V hereof.

[5] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 117, 122, 193 and 208.

right and authority to organize Blue Lodges and confer the Craft degrees. Later, he abandoned most of these claims and asserted this right under an endorsement on one of his many spurious charters made J. N. Cheri, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Louisiana,[6] the origin of which he traced back to France, thence to Scotland. Finally, when forced to abandon that and all other claims, he rested his entire claim to the Craft degrees under the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim through the spurious Grand Council of Rites of Scotland.

Peter J. Wilkie, Esq., an attorney, of Sacramento, California, who had been one of Thomson's high officials in California, but who had questioned Thomson's authority and had been expelled, testified, among other things, that he had seen the denial over the signature of the head of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, of Thomson's authority to do any of the things which he claimed to have the right to do from Louisiana. Continuing his testimony (quoting from the transcript), he said:

> "I asked Mr. Thomson if there was any truth in such a statement. I can give you his words as he gave them to me. 'Brother Wilkie, I never claimed to have any authority from Louisiana.'
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> "The Court: From what?
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> "A. Louisiana.
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> "Q. Mr. Morris: What then occurred?
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> "A. I asked him from whence he received his authority. He replied that he had received his authority from the Rite of Mizraim and Memphis through the Grand Council of Rites of Scotland.
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> "Q. Mr. Wilkie, what degrees were you talking about?
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> A. We were talking about the fundamental degree of the organization, the Craft degrees. There are no other degrees to be considered. If you are not a Mason of the Craft degrees, the higher degrees amount to nothing, so far as you are concerned."[7]

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[6] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 12, 53, 73, 78, 127, 134, 137, 141, 156, 165, 170, 183 and 189.

[7] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 159; see also testimony of Francis J. Blust,

Thomson admitted all of this to be true, but insisted that he possessed the right to confer the Craft and all other degrees under the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim through the Grand Council of the Rites of Scotland. However, on this last and final stand under the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, through his self-constituted Supreme Council of Rites, he was convicted of fraternal swindling and fraudulent use of the mail, and sentenced to pay a fine of $5,000 and to serve two years in prison. Thus ended the Thomson Masonic Fraud of twenty years' duration.

And, Mr. Lewis, his successor in fraternal swindling, now operating his Masonic-Rosicrucian fraud in its twenty-first year, having been driven from one spurious claim of authority to another and many others and having made many conflicting claims and set up many fraudulent devices, has been forced to set up his final fraudulent device: the spurious International Masonic Congress of Brussels, 1934, and his bogus International R. C. Council—the FUDOSI[8]—and to center his claim to Rosicrucian authority in the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, just as Thomson did in his last and final stand.

It is remarkable how the characters and genius of these two men—their ways, plans, claims, methods and mode of operating their respective fraternal swindles and frauds, with perfect verity, run in deadly parallels.

The Government Set a Precedent

In the Thomson case, after seven years of intensive investigation, the Federal Government vigorously prosecuted and convicted a fraternal racketeer of trafficking in the noblest impulses of mankind and of swindling his fellow-men in the name of and under the guise of Brotherly Love. It *established a precedent* and demonstrated that a fraternal swindle and mystic fraud is just as insidious and equally as bad and harmful as any and all other swindles and frauds.

In sentencing Thomson and his associates, Federal Judge Wade said, in part:

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to the same effect, pp. 172 to 176.

[8] See Part IV this chapter and Chapter Five, this volume.

"Well, nobody can hear this evidence in this case without being convinced, absolutely convinced, that this thing has been a fraudulent scheme from the beginning. I can see where an ignorant person might find some possible excuse for the methods employed in this case, but for intelligent people and experienced people to try to convince this court that this organization and this plan and this work that had been going on, is on the square—it can't be done. . . . This court hasn't really any power to impose a penalty here which would be adequate punishment for this thing that has been going on."[9]

The Lewis-AMORC Scheme

The Federal Government is aware of the AMORC scheme as operated by H. Spencer Lewis and his son, as a family enterprise and fraternal racket. In 1931, a former member of AMORC filed a complaint with the Chief Inspector of the Post Office Department, charging the Lewises with the fraudulent use of the mails. Mr. Lewis dispatched his attorney posthaste to Washington. Apparently, his legal staff succeeded in convincing the Post Office Department that AMORC is a voluntary fraternal organization; that it should not be scrutinized too closely and that they should be allowed considerable latitude in the operation thereof —simply because they were operating their racket under the *prima facie* guise of fraternalism. At any rate, no corrective action was taken.[1]

In 1933 and 1934, the Internal Revenue Bureau of the Treasury Department made an investigation and audit of Lewis' fraternal enterprise and merchandising business.[2] The Special Investigator found that it was not a fraternal organization within the meaning of the Revenue Act, and so reported. Mr. Lewis employed one of the best and most expert firms of attorneys in Washington practicing before governmental departments to represent him before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, which, of course, was entirely proper. They succeeded in convincing the Commis-

[9] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 241.

[1] See page 41 of this volume.

[2] See Chapter Six of this volume.

sioner that AMORC was a fraternal organization and that it would come within the Act after certain changes had been made in its by-laws and a certain system of bookkeeping and accounting was installed; whereupon the Commissioner issued his certificate of exemption from the payment of Federal Income Taxes.

In 1935 and the early part of 1936, the Federal Trade Commission caused to be made a thorough investigation of Mr. Lewis' operations by competent investigators. The voluminous report, accompanied by many documents and much evidence, made to the Commission, evidently was adverse to Mr. Lewis, since he made a hurried trip to Washington to attend, so he says,[3] a banquet tendered him by a Federal Judge; however, while in Washington, at that time, he again employed the aforesaid firm of attorneys, who had successfully represented him before the Commission of Internal Revenue, to represent him before the Federal Trade Commission.

These clever, ingenious and able lawyers succeeded in convincing the Commissioners, or some of them, or perhaps some of the officials of the Commission, that AMORC, as operated by Lewis, is a secret fraternal association and should not be investigated, that if the Commission did so it would have to assume the burden of investigating all fraternal associations and secret societies. Accordingly, the investigation was discontinued—at least temporarily.

It does seem, however, in view of the well-considered precedent established in the Thomson case, that the argument of counsel was fallacious and the action of the Commission ill-advised. It is not necessary that all fraternal or religious institutions and secret societies be investigated. Such institutions, as a rule, are open and above-board, free from fraud and without mercenary contamination. But when many members of a concern, purporting to be a fraternal or secret order, complain that they have been misled, even defrauded; that it is being conducted as a family racket, and that it is not what it purports to be, then it *should* be investigated.

It must be conceded that it is within the range of possibilities that a fraud and swindle may be perpetrated in connection with a fraternal organization or under cover of fraternalism. Indeed,

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[3] So he testified at the trial of the case of *Roy W. and A. E. Smith vs. Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC et al.* in the Federal District Court at San Francisco in *February*, 1936.

some of the worst swindles and most damnable frauds have been so committed. They are odious to a greater degree and far more pernicious than ordinary swindles which rob men of purse and property, because perpetrators of such frauds traffic in the high inspirations and noblest impulses of men, and rob them of their ideals as well as of their money.

There are some things more precious than property and above the purchasing power of the almighty dollar. Religious, fraternal and secret societies have been instituted by men to foster and protect those precious things for which men are willing to part with their money, that they may have, hold and enjoy them.

This being true, daring and unscrupulous promoters, now and then, invade the sacred precincts of these fraternal shrines, by racketeering in brotherly love and under the fairest pretensions commit the meanest frauds and perpetrate the worst swindles. That is exactly what H. Spencer Lewis, the most daring of fraternal racketeers, has done. For twenty years he has been operating, and now is operating, a fraternal swindle of the first magnitude, in the name of a holy order under the fairest pretensions and the cleverest of fraudulent devices.

The time has come, and now is, when our high governmental officials should take due notice of these facts, and action that is meet and proper, to the end that our people be protected against his malignant type of racketeering and this detestable species of "benevolent" fraud, and also to the end that heartless fraternal swindlers may receive their just punishment.

With the purchased aid of able, clever and ingenious lawyers and his own super-cunning and unscrupulous stratagems, he may, as he has been doing, postpone the ultimate and inevitable day of reckoning and retribution; however, when the whole truth is known and fully appraised—and justice is done, as it shall be done—and the complete history of his extraordinary fraud and unique swindle shall have been written, it will be puzzling to know just what place and rank shall be assigned to Lewis, among the Masonic and Rosicrucian impostors of the past. Will that captivating company of charlatans, who, in different ages, have sported with credulity and follies of men and women, be offended or jealous at the thought of having Lewis added to their number? *He has outdone them all!* Some of them were Masonic pretenders, others were Rosicrucian

impostors, but Lewis, with a genius excelling them all, has combined the two into one gaudy, alluring, fraternal, mystic, occult, Masonic and Rosicrucian swindle. The plausible lies of his cunning, entertaining propaganda about the marvelous Primitive Egyptian Masonic Rites and the Ancient Mystic Rosicrucian teachings which he alone—of the many who sought the august privilege—has been permitted to bring to this fair land for the gratification, well-being and glorification of our people, have fascinated a continent for the past twenty years. These weird tales of this Masonic-Rosicrucian mountebank, embellished with the glaring plausibility of truth, but dashed and brewed with lies, have pleased the credulous, exploited the gullible, puzzled the wise, and filled the coffers of the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraud with filthy lucre taken from the unwary by the deft hand of a clever and pious pseudo-mystic, but none the less a detestable and damnable fraternal racketeer.

TRANSLATION OF "IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 4," SHOWN ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE

THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM IS LOVE OF GOD

ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS

Hermetic Brotherhood of Light

THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY AND ITS LAWS

Ancient and Primitive Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim

(By authority of the Great Orient of Gaul, from the Charter dated July 21, 1862, N. 28911, and by authority of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Britain and Ireland by Charter dated September 24, 1902, A.D.)

The Great Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Masonic and Scottish Rites of 33 Degrees

GREETINGS!

To whom it may concern:

WE, Albert Carol Theodor PEREGRINUS, Sovereign Directing Magus of the Egyptian Rite of primitive Masons of Memphis and Mizraim of 95 degrees, and the Grand Master General of Free Masons of the ancient and accepted Scottish Rite of 33 degrees; and the Caput and Frater Superior, and the Vicarius Salomanis of the

ORDER OF ORIENTAL TEMPLARS,

by virtue of the authority vested in us by the most venerable brothers, grant H. Spencer Lewis 33°, 90°, 95°, VII°, O. T. O., to be an Honorary Member of our Sovereign Sanctuary for Switzerland, Germany and Austria, [*permission for instituting a Lodge*] and to represent our Sovereign Sanctuary [*of the secret knowledge of Our Order of Masons, to be called*] as Gage of Amity near the [*in*] Supreme Council of the AMORC at [*and for the purpose of conducting all the classifications or degrees from the first up to the*] San Francisco, California, classification or degree of the ancient Masonic Art and of the Egyptian Rite of Primitive Masons of Memphis and Mizraim of 95 degrees, and of the ancient and accepted Rite of Scottish Masons, in accordance with the laws and ritual instituted by us and accepted by the Order of Oriental Templars.

If the Constitution of the Order of Oriental Templars, dated January 22, 1906, 1917, A.D., is violated or neglected, this permission and foregoing diploma may be rescinded at any time.

As a document of these things, this diploma is written, sealed and signed by our hand.

Granted in our Sanctuary, p. t. Basilea, on the 30th of July, in the year of

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true light 000,000,000, which corresponds to the year of our order 1303, A.D. 1921.

(FIVE SEALS) PEREGRINUS, 33°, 97°, X°, (SEAL)
Caput of the Order.

NOTE: That part of the foregoing document within brackets and printed in italics is crossed out or a line drawn through it on the original document in Latin, of which the foregoing is a free translation into English.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 40

Initium Sapientiae Amor Domini.

Ordo Templi Orientis

Fraternitas Lucis Hermeticae

Sanctuarium Supremum et Sui Juris

Antiqui et Primitivi Liberorum Structorum Ritus de Memphis et Mizraim

(Derivatum ex Magno Oriente Galliae, Charta 21. Julii 1862. N. 28911.
et ex Sanctuario Supremo Britanniae et Hiberniae. Charta 24. Septembris 1907. A. D.)

Magnus Oriens Antiqui et Accepti, 33°, Ritus Latomorum Moris Scotorum

Salutem Nostram!

Sciant omnes quibus advenerint:

Nos Albertus Carolus Teodorus **PEREGRINUS** Supremus Magus Dirigens Primitivorum Structorum Ritus Aegyptiaci de Memphis et Mizraim (95°) et Supremus Magister Generalis Liberorum Latomorum, Antiqui et Accepti (33°) Ritus Scotorum; ac Caput et Frater Superior, ac Vicarius Salomonis

Ordinis Templariorum Orientis,

Per virtutem jurum Nobis attributorum concedimus

Fratribus Venerabilissimis H. Spencer Lewis, 33° 90° 95° [illegible]

Honorary Member of the Supreme Sanctuary for Switzerland Germany

and Austria, permissionem instituendi officinam and to represent our Sanctuary

occultae scientiae Latomorum Nostri Ordinis nominatum as Grand Master of Ancient Mystic Ord.

in Supreme Council of R. A. M. & R. C. et et agendi omnes gradus a

Primo usque ad San Francisco California gradum veteris Artis aedificatoriae vel

Primitivorum Structorum Ritus Aegyptiaci de Memphis et Mizraim (95°) et Antiqui et Accepti (33) Ritus Latomorum

Scotorum, secundum leges atque ritualia a Nobis instituta et ab Ordine Templariorum Orientis accepta

Haec permissio et praeseus diploma si Constitutiones Ordinis Templariorum Orientis 22. Januarii 1906 1917. A. D. laeduntur vel negliguntur quocumque tempore revocari poterunt

Cujus rei documentum hoc diploma scriptum, sigillatum et Nostra manu subscriptum est.

Datum in Nostro Sanctuario p. l. Berolina. Die [illegible]
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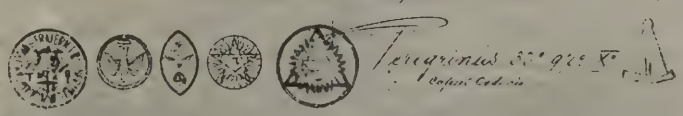

Peregrinus 33° 95° X°
Caput Ordinis

IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENTS, No. 4

Lewis claims that this is a Rosicrucian Charter. It was issued by the O. T. O., under a Masonic Charter. See Translation on opposite page. Read his statements about this Charter (?) this volume, pp. 135-136; Volume I, pp. 345 and 381. See Text and note carefully how willfully and grossly he has misrepresented it.

TRANSLATION OF "IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 5," SHOWN ON OPPOSITE PAGE

SOVEREIGN AND MILITARY ORDER

Here is the Standard: The letters of the Motto on the top are: N. N. D. K. W. S. N. T. D. G., instead of only N. N. D., which stands for *Non, Nobis Domine*—the Motto of Templars.

OF THE TEMPLE

The Grand Bailiff

has the honor to inform Mister

H. SPENCER LEWIS

that the Grand-master conferred on him the title of Bailiff Grand Cross of the Order, title transmissible to his descendants.

This August 10, 1933 (V. E.)

(Signature not clear; only a Masonic Cross is distinguishable.)

MR. LEWIS' STATEMENT

Let us compare Mr. Lewis' statement and misrepresentations of this certificate, made under his published fac-simile thereof (shown on opposite page) in December, 1933, with the above translation, as follows:

"The above illustration is a photograph of the document authorized by the Supreme Council of the 'Sovereign and Military Order of the Temple' in Europe. This Order of Templars was founded in 1118 in Jerusalem and has had a continuous existence throughout Europe up to the present time with an unbroken list of Grand Masters representing *noble* and *royal families* of Europe and the most prominent individuals of every section of the European countries. The above charter was authorized by a vote on the part of the European organization conferring upon H. Spencer Lewis the power and authority of 'Grand Bailli' of the Order for the United States of America, which is equivalent to the title of Grand Master for this country, and also confers upon him the Grand Cross of the organization and the *special coat of arms* which is painted in color at the bottom of the charter. The coat of arms becomes hereditary with H. Spencer Lewis and his descendants. A later amendment to the charter signed by the same officials, the Grand Chancellor and the Grand Bailli, extended the authority to include Canada and Mexico. It will be noted that the *Rosicrucian emblem appears in the special coat of arms* and the history of the organization shows its close relationship with the Rosicrucians throughout the past centuries. The above charter authorizes H. Spencer Lewis to confer the honorary degree of *Knight of the Temple* upon those who distinguish themselves in special service to the Rosicrucian Order in North America. This is the first honor and power of this kind ever conferred upon an individual of North America." (Italics are ours.)

It will be observed that the Coat of Arms is very important in his mind and very dear to his heart. Nothing is said in the certificate concerning the Coat of Arms. Could it be possible that it was added and imposed thereon by the artistic and deft hand of an impostor? We dare not say. See text.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 41

ORDRE SOUVERAIN ET MILITAIRE
DU TEMPLE

Le Grand-Bailli

H. Spencer Lewis

Bailli Grand Croix

This is Mr. Lewis' "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 5"—although it has nothing to do with the Rose Cross Order—no more than any of his other "important" documents. If it is authentic, it was issued by a Masonic organization. See the translation on the opposite page and his description of this document, also the text, and note his miserable misrepresentations about this *unimportant* document.

1000 tion is known and recognized as the Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, and in its abbreviated form is known as AMORC. The North American jurisdiction comprises the United States of America, Canada, Alaska, the insular and territorial possessions of the United States, Central and South America, and other countries and territories.

III.

1001 Plaintiff order is devoted to the perpetuation of the scientific, ethical and moral teachings, philosophies, and theories of The Ancient Rosicrucian Brotherhood, which came into being in Ancient Egypt, and has continued to date. That for the past centuries the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ancient Rites of Memphis and Mizraim have been and now are the Grand Conservators of the
1002 integrity and ideals of the recognized and accredited Rosicrucian Brotherhood through the world. Plaintiff has been in the past and now is the recognized and accredited Supreme Authority and the representative of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in the North American jurisdiction, and has and does now maintain fraternal relationship and communication with other recognized and accredited supreme representatives of the Rosi-

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1003 crucian Brotherhood of other jurisdictions throughout the world. As such accredited and recognized representative of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood of the North American jurisdiction, plaintiff is a member of and participates in the convocations and deliberations of the World Supreme Council of the recognized and accredited supreme jurisdictions of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood. The central office of the World Supreme Council
1004 is now in Vienna, Austria.

On this and the preceding page are *fac-simile* reproductions of pages 334 and 335 of the Transcript on Appeal of the case of *AMORC vs. Smith,* showing Paragraph III of the sworn pleading filed by Lewis on July 5, 1933, in that case. Note carefully that he claims that his "brand" of Rosicrucianism—the spurious kind—comes by way of the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and that Rosicrucian authority—the kind he possesses—has been conserved for centuries in the Sovereign Sanctuaries of those Rites. Now, remember that he was illegally made an Honorary Member of the Sovereign Sanctuary of those rites for Switzerland, Germany and Austria by his "Important (!) Rosicrucian (!) Document No. 4." That after misusing, abusing and debauching those Masonic rites, he held the now infamous clandestine Congress of Brussels, 1934, composed principally of discredited Masons and produced the Fudosi, his latest model of International Rosicrucian Council—which recognized his fraternal enterprise as the only Rosicrucian Order in America—and you have the sum and substance of his latest claim—his last stand on his "Rosicrucian" authority. It, in brief, is the foundation and framework of his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle. See text.

PART TWO

MASONIC DOCUMENTS MUTILATED

Falsified and Manufactured Evidence

We shall now deal with a particularly notorious and base attempt made by Mr. Lewis to use deleted, mutilated and falsified Masonic documents as proof to sustain his false claims and gross misrepresentations relating to alleged mythical and non-existent Rosicrucian World Congresses and International R. C. Councils from and through which he claims Rosicrucian authority.

It will be remembered that he has complained bitterly that we have misrepresented the facts and convicted him with "manufactured" evidence, which, of course, carries the tacit admission of guilt, if our statement of facts is true and our evidence genuine. However, after accusing us of misrepresenting the facts and manufacturing evidence to establish his guilt, he proceeds to do that self-same thing, that is, to delete and mutilate Masonic documents, to falsify them and to falsely represent that they prove that a Rosicrucian Congress was held in 1908 in Paris and that all his claims are true. Now, inasmuch as he did that self-same thing, as will presently appear, it seems to us that the necessity for resorting to such methods clearly indicates the falsity of his claims and that the employment of such questionable tactics is an open confession of guilt.

Even Mr. Lewis seems to agree with this statement. At any rate he appears to believe that anyone who resorts to such methods is wholly unworthy of belief. In commenting on "The Value of Testimony" and in accusing us of manufacturing and presenting false evidence to prove our charges against him, he says:

> "It is commonly recognized in all courts of law and among persons of good common sense that when a witness resorts to falsehood, falsely manufactured evidence, deliberate deceit, misquotations and the *tricky use* of unrelated elements to produce an artificial impression, he is immediately disqualified as a competent witness or as one to be given any consideration.
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> "When it is found in any inquiry that the principal

> witness or the one who is making the charges against another has deliberately and knowingly, willfully and maliciously falsified in one or two of his statements or pieces of evidence and EXHIBITS, all the rest of his testimony becomes suspected and unworthy of consideration as truth. If a witness or plaintiff against another person has to resort to false, malicious and artificially manufactured evidence against a person to support one or two points in his argument, the whole of his argument must be weak and all of his contentions must be worthless, or there would be no need of augmenting them with *untruthful and deliberately deceptive statements.*"[1]

He who charges others with "manufacturing" evidence should at least be consistent and not resort to such questionable and shady methods, because consistency is the hallmark of honest enterprise and genuine institutions, whereas inconsistency is often the badge of the spurious. In this particular case it is a badge of fraud. Therefore, by his own standards—or pretended standards—we shall judge him and his handiwork.

International Rosicrucian Councils and World Congresses

When he instituted his fabricated fraternal swindle in 1915 under a Rosicrucian appellation he claimed that it was "sponsored" by a Rose Cross Order in France with the approval of the International Council then alleged to have been located in France.[2] Since then he has located and relocated this non-existing so-called World or International R. C. Council in Egypt and all over the map of Europe and has attended—or claimed to have attended—many meetings and sessions thereof, as well as a few world congresses of all the great occult and mystical societies, orders and organizations of the Universe. He has returned with glowing ac-

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[1] *White Book D*, p. 5. The italics belong to Mr. Lewis. We have printed the word "exhibits" in capitals in the above quotation to direct particular attention to it in view of our discussion of his *exhibits* and especially his Exhibit No. 6, our Reproduction No. 43, discussed in connection herewith.

[2] See Chapter V hereof, dealing with his changing and inconsistent claims of authority from various alleged and spurious sources.

counts of his wonderful accomplishments, picturing himself as the Kingfish of all the great occult and mystical movements across the sea. Much of his alluring, high-pressure, fictitious propaganda has been falsely built around these alleged World Congresses and R. C. International Councils. We have repeatedly exposed this myth and his claims as being utterly and absolutely false.

In a published letter under date of April 5, 1935, Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, his former Grand Treasurer, said to and of him:

> "For several years you and your family have taken trips to Europe with the funds of the order, falsely stating to the members that you were going to Rosicrucian Conventions. *There have been no such conventions,* and *there is no such thing as an 'International Council.'* "

(The italics are ours.)

To these serious charges and exposé he replied, on page 30 of *White Book D,* under his own misstated and garbled charge *Number Two,* as follows:

Note Misstatement of Real Charges and Confusion of Authentic Order With AMORC, His Fraternal Racket.

"Clymer says and charges that when AMORC's officers speak of the Rosicrucian Order and its existence in Europe at the present time and during the past centuries, or speak of international conventions and congresses being held in Europe, that the Imperator of AMORC is lying and deceiving his membership and that there are no such foreign branches of the organization active and that there have been no conventions or congresses of Rosicrucians held in Europe or elsewhere.

Our Italics. If Such Meetings Were Held, Lewis Did Not Attend.

"The committee has read a mass of evidence in the form of books by Waite, Fra Wittemans and Castells, *another eminent Masonic Historian,* in which books the names, dates and places of active Rosicrucian bodies in various parts of Europe are given for the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries and the names, dates and places of Rosicrucian Conventions and Congresses are given.

This Remarkable

"This evidence was supported by newspaper and magazine reports of such conventions,[3] which the

[3] Here he refers to his "Photo Exhibit No. 6," our Reproduction No. 43, to be presently discussed.

Evidence, He Says, Fully Disproves Our Charges.

It Is Truly Remarkable!

committee saw and examined in person; by cablegram messages from abroad confirming such conventions; by photographs of assembled groups at conventions and congresses and by other indisputable statements made under oath and even signed and sealed by members of the American Council abroad and by the officers, chief officials of foreign governments who certified the documents.

"This, then, proves the falsity of Clymer's second charge."

Tricks of the Trade

These are the ways of charlatans, the methods of pretenders and the artful dodging of tricksters. Here our eminent Imperator, by garbling and misstating the clear-cut charges, makes confusion profound by setting up a false and confused charge, which he answers with misrepresented, falsified and deleted documentary evidence. Moreover, he convinced his own "voluntary investigating committee" who read a *mass* of this sort of remarkable evidence by his still more remarkable methods and the tricks of his trade.

Now, we have not said that there are no Rosicrucian Orders in Europe at the present time, nor that there have been no Rosicrucian International Conventions and Congresses held in Europe during the past centuries. We give an account of one of those great Convocations, *The First World Parliament,* in Book One of Volume I of this work. We have also spoken of the authentic Orders of the Rosy Cross existing in Europe today. See particularly pages 151 and 165-166 of this volume. There have been real Rose Cross Convocations held in Europe and elsewhere, some of which have been reported and referred to by writers in books and articles about the Rosicrucians; others have been secret and only known to Rosicrucian Masters and high initiates. Our charges relate entirely to his false claims concerning the fake International Councils, of which he claims to be a high and honored member, from which he claims his authority; and the bogus World Congress, which he claims to have attended during the past twenty-one or twenty-two years, and of which he boasts of being one of the leading spirits—if not *the* leading spirit.

Now, Mr. Lewis and his family—the Hierarchy of AMORC—

although they have made numerous trips to Europe for that alleged purpose at the expense of their member-victims whom they have deceived, yet they have never attended a real Rosicrucian Congress nor has Mr. Lewis ever been a member of an International R. C. Council or attended the meetings of any such council; but he proposed to prove that there had been such conventions, not since he fabricated his spurious R. C. Order in 1915, but prior thereto. How? By the "remarkable" evidence set forth in the foregoing statement and by the documents set forth in his "Photo Exhibit No. 6," which we have reproduced herein for the convenience of study and discussion.[4]

Hard Pressed for Proof

You may wonder how it will help his case to prove that there was a Rosicrucian Congress announced in Germany in 1907 and held in Paris in 1908, which was some seven or eight years before he fabricated and launched his spurious R. C. Order and before he and his family began to make pleasure trips to Europe to attend R. C. Councils and Congresses—and, of course, before he began to write glowing accounts thereof as promotional propaganda to increase the Royal Revenues of his fraternal racket to pay the expenses to attend other meetings of the R. C. Council and to attend and promote the Great Congress of Brussels in August, 1934, to create the FUDOSI to certify to the Rosicrucian authenticity of his fraternal swindle.

Well, whatever the point or advantage he had in mind, he proved (?) it with the photographs of the deleted and mutilated parts of documents shown in his "Exhibit No. 6," beneath which he made the following false—absolutely and wholly false—statement:

> "The upper photo shows an announcement issued in Germany in 1907 inviting members of the 'Rosicrucian Order' in all parts of Europe and members of its allied groups, the 'O. T. O.,' to participate in a Congress or Convention to form an international alliance. The lower photos show the first and last pages of a mimeographed copy of the report of that Convention concluded in Paris,

[4] Our Reproduction No. 43 at the end of this part.

> June 9, 1908. Note that the report was signed by Papus and Teder, former Supreme Masters of the Martinist Order; Blanchard, the present Supreme Master of the Martinists, and Theodore Reuss, Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucians and O. T. O. Blanchard was a participant in the 'FUDOSI' Congress in 1934, representing the Martinist Order."[5]

The O. T. O. is not a Rosicrucian Order, but a Masonic Order, as we shall conclusively show in Part Five of this chapter. The announcement shown in the upper photo was *not* issued to members of the "Rosicrucian Order" and members of its allied groups, the "O. T. O.," to participate in a congress to form an international alliance and had nothing to do with the Rosicrucian Order or an R. C. Congress or international alliance. It was a call issued by the O. T. O., a Masonic organization operating under a Masonic Charter, addressed to women, *not to hold a convention,* but it was and is an invitation extended to women to become Masons and to form a Co-Masonic or Female Masonic organization,[6] which is anti-Masonic and clandestine Masonry the world over.

The lower photo is *not* a report or part of a copy of a report of *"that" convention* called in Germany in 1907 and concluded in Paris, June 9, 1908, as is so plainly intended to be implied. The Congress of Paris was *not* a Rosicrucian Congress, as is also falsely claimed, but a Masonic Congress,[7] as will presently appear.

Mr. Blanchard is *not* the present Supreme Master of the Martinist Order, of Masonic nature, as we have seen a few pages back.

And Theodore Reuss, although the Supreme Head of the O. T. O., was not the Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucians, as we have seen in our study of his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4"[8] and as shall be conclusively shown in Part Five of this chapter.

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[5] *White Book D,* p. 22.

[6] See our Reproductions Nos. 44 and 44A of the original document in its entirety and our translation of it to follow in the text.

[7] See full report of the Congress of Paris, June, 1908, shown in our Reproductions Nos. 45 to 45E, and the translation of the Official Report to follow in the text.

[8] See our Reproduction No. 40 and the translation shown only a few pages back.

Deleting and Mutilation

The Trick of a Desperate Trickster

Let us make a careful examination of the upper document shown in "Exhibit No. 6," which we have marked "a" in our Reproduction No. 43. Note carefully that he has mutilated it by making heavy parentheses between the words "des" and "ames" and after the word "Croix" and underlining the words "ames de la Rose ✠ Croix," ostensibly to give emphasis thereto and to leave the impression that the document relates to the Rose Cross—an altogether false impression—but in reality to delete the letter "D" from the word "Dames," thereby making it read: "ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES (AMES DE LA ROSE ✠ CROIX)," whereas before he mutilated it by deleting the "D" at the beginning of the word "Dames" it read: "ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES DAMES DE LA ROSE ✠ CROIX." [9]

Thus by this cunning, deceptive ruse he made the French word *"Dames,"* meaning *women*, appear to be *"ames,"* which in French would indicate that it had something to do with the *"Souls"* of the Rose Cross. Was that clever? No—just crooked—base crookedness. He needed proof—he had none—he was desperate—so he turned the trick and falsified the record with willful intent to deceive. Did the Committee discover that before they signed and swore to the report or did Lewis mutilate, delete and falsify the document after he "put it over" on the Committee? And did he lead the Committee to believe, as he is trying to lead the public and his other members to believe, that because the document has the words "Rose Croix" on its face that it relates to Rosicrucian affairs as he says in his "Exhibit No. 6" above quoted? The answer —the only answer—to all these questions is obvious. It was a petty trick of a rank pretender—the act of a desperate promoter; just another of the many *badges of fraud* of his fraudulent scheme and fraternal racket.

Gross Misrepresentation

The original document was issued in French, then translated and issued in German. The mutilated heading reproduced by Lewis in

[9] See our Reproductions Nos. 44 and 44A of the original document.

his "Exhibit No. 6" is the German edition. We have reproduced the original French document. The free translation of this document makes doubly clear the gross misrepresentation and base chicanery of Mr. Lewis in connection therewith.

The document translated in its entirety is as follows:

"ORDER ORIENTAL TEMPLARS—O. T. O.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THE LADIES (DAMES) OF THE ROSE ✠ CROIX

"The ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE of the Ladies (Dames) of the Rose ✠ Croix is an auxiliary organization of the Universal Federation of the Templars."

May we pause for a moment to consider this heading and the initial statement? It is clearly indicated that the call is issued by a Masonic organization which is confirmed by the context that follows: The O. T. O.—Order of Oriental Templars, based upon and working under a charter of a Sovereign Sanctuary of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim—has a degree known as the *Rose Croix*. This explains the use of the term "Rose Croix" appearing therein. It was not the intention of the O. T. O. or Mr. Reuss-Willsson to give the misleading impression that a Rose Cross alliance of the Rosicrucan Orders of the world was to be formed. That was Mr. Lewis' idea, intended to mislead and deceive his followers, and by trickery and base chicanery offered as proof (!) of his own false representations concerning International R. C. Councils and Congresses. The real and unmistakable purpose of the O. T. O. was to found an international organization of Female-Masonry or a Co-Masonry under its jurisdiction.

The invitation addressed to women, inviting them to join and form a Co-Masonic organization, continues:

"The Secretary of the Federation is giving the following declaration concerning the aim of the organization:

"We represent and we aspire to the realization of the universal reconciliation of the nations without distinction of the races and religions on the basis of an autonomous

government of all the nations who are politically mature.

"This constitutes, so to say, our outside politics, and we will in this way qualify our fundamental ideas which govern us in our relationship with all the nations.

"Yet we have in mind a certain inside politics aspiring to the leveling of the social differences governing in all the countries. We vote for any social measure which is capable of maintaining the well-being of all the working and industrial classes. We are aspiring to the transformation and the development of the financial and economic conditions, also of the conditions of the production of different states and communities, which should be based on directions: broad, tolerant, altruistic, co-operative and international. With every means possible we are trying to prove in a practical way that only with the help of art in all these branches it would be possible to cure the wounds *inflicted by the war* [World War, 1914 to 1918]. No matter if it is manifested in the fall of morality, depression of souls or by non-belief in God. The art, providing the conditions are favorable, can cure these physical and moral ailments. Music is especially created to bring man back to God. The art is the forerunner and the one who annunciates harmony. The reward of those who believe in God is to be dissolved in harmony, because divinity itself is eternal harmony. Because God, or the creator of the universe, or the eternal cosmic law, gave to the human world the woman as a symbol of beauty; and as every art has to be beautiful in aim to produce a harmonious result, we consider the woman a symbol of personified art and beauty and as the one who is representing and announcing our aim of the reconciliation of the nations; because the reconciliation of the peoples also supposes the harmony of the souls, which women are particularly capable to invoke through the art in these different branches and to stimulate like a flame and thus keep and to preserve.

"This is why we first of all invite women of all the countries to join our Order for the realization of the reconciliation of all the peoples. We also invite them to

organize Synods and Lodges of our Order and make an ardent propaganda of the Harmonization of the Nations which still fight and soil themselves with the most unreasonable rage.

"Inasmuch as art, in symbolism, is also a way leading to harmony, it has the faculty of tuning sounds common to all in the heart of the most different peoples and to create a link of friendship around them. Therefore, our Order is beginning to initiate its members into the mysteries and sacred Symbols of the Ancients. It is going to use the form adapted to the above-mentioned aim of the Order; it will give to the women an education adapted so as to make them Apostles of the sacred arts, so that they can at any time and place be active as missionaries of the new message of salvation.

"In all times and with all peoples the 'Rose Mystique Crucifice' (Mystery of the Crucified Rose) is the symbol of salvation. This is why all our members must try to be accepted in such communities in which the symbol of the Mystic Rose is active.

"But before they can be admitted in any Esoteric Center of the Initiates they have to acquire the elementary knowledge of general symbolism, and this by passing through the three first Degrees [Craft Degrees] of *Symbolic Masonry*. Because the comprehension of any mysticism is based on this knowledge.

"Women from good families who desire to join the Alliance are asked to write to the Administrator of the O. T. O., Mr. Reuss-Willsson, Hon. Prof. of Applied Medical Science in the Sup. School of Paris (University of France), Castella Postale ("A. Lugano" crossed out and "Bale" written in), Bale. (The following is lined out with a pen: *'The payments are to be addressed to the Banque de la Suisse Italienne a Lugano.*) The Secretary of the Order, LABAN de LABAN.

In Memoriam

"The Most Puissant and Most Illustr. Sovereign Grand Master General of the Ancient Primitive Rite of

Masonry for France, Bro. Charles Henry Detre (Teder), 33°, 97°, X°, our most dearly beloved and co-founder of our O. T. O."[10]

This call and invitation to the women of all nations of all nationalities to join the Co-Masonic Order of the O. T. O. was not issued in Germany in 1907 as a call for the Masonic Congress in Paris ending June 9, 1908, as falsely represented by Mr. Lewis. It was issued in France, where Reuss-Willsson was then residing. It was issued in 1918, after the World War, as indicated by its context and stated objects. At the close is a notice of the death of Charles Henry Detre (*Teder*), Grand Master of the Martinist Order and of the Ancient Primitive Masons of France, who died in France in 1918 following the close of the late World War. Therefore, it is quite obvious that it was not issued in *Germany in 1907*, and it is also as obvious that it was not a call to convene a Rosicrucian Congress in Paris in 1908 to create an International R. C. Council.

The statements concerning the FUDOSI, issued by Lewis and his confederates at the Congress of Brussels, 1934, published in *La Rose ✠ Croix,* a magazine, and shown in his "Exhibit No. 7,"[1] on page 23 of *White Book D*, are strikingly similar to this document. It will be interesting to compare this with the translation of the FUDOSI statement given in full in Part Four of this chapter. It will leave the impression that Lewis was familiar with the contents of this document issued by the O. T. O. and that his false representations concerning it were not made in innocent ignorance.

Lewis and Co-Masonry

In this connection and supplementing Part One hereof by adding further evidence of his use, misuse and abuse of Masonry—showing how he plays "hot and cold" with it, yet all the time using it to promote his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle—we quote an article on *Female Masonry* written by Lewis and published in *The Rosicrucian Forum* in April, 1932—a publication for his members only —warning them against the Co-Masonry. Perhaps he was fearful

[10] Translation of our Reproductions Nos. 44 and 44A, to be found at the end of this Part.

[1] Shown in our Reproduction No. 48.

that he might lose some members to the Co-Masonic movement then becoming noticeably active in the United States. The article in its entirety is as follows:

FEMALE MASONRY

His Members Being Solicited, He Warns Against Female Masonry. Our Italics.

"I think it is time for us to sound a *note of warning* and at the same time answer a question that has been coming to us very frequently and from many parts of the country. Evidently some new form of propaganda is going on, and it is also evident that *our members are being solicited* in a very definite way.

In This Instance Co-Masonry Conflicts With His Business. Therefore, He Condemns It.

"This new propaganda relates to an organization called 'Co-Masonry' and is sometimes called 'Female Masonry.' The claim is set forth that this organization is older than Rosicrucianism and that it contains all of the teachings and benefits of the Rosicrucian Order and has a larger membership and other distinct advantages.

But—In 1934 at the Brussels Congress—It Was Useful to His Business, So He Approved It.

"Now, the truth of the matter is that Co-Masonry is a very modern organization, and I doubt if even the spirit of it or any of the ideas back of it can be traced farther into history than fifty or seventy-five years. Certainly, in its present form and as a concrete thing, it belongs to the present generation of men and women.

Co-Masonry Has Been Sponsored by Madam Besant, the O. T. O. and Approved by H. Spencer Lewis.

"So far as we have been able to trace, it appears that Co-Masonry is either a branch of the Theosophical movement or one of the mass pastimes or incidental activities sponsored by or created by Madam Besant[2] or other leaders of the Theosophical organization. We have not been deeply enough concerned to even attempt to trace its history, although we have in our library a blue leather-covered book containing the ritual of this organization and other books containing its by-laws and regulations and other books containing a record of its activities.

Lewis Blows Both

"What we wish to say about it is that its claims are ones to be gravely considered before being ac-

[2] Mrs. Aimie Besant founded a *Co-Masonic* Lodge, which was recognized and afterwards chartered by the O. T. O. See our Reproduction No. 57Q and the translation thereof in the text of Part Five of this chapter.

Hot and Cold on This Subject.

Our Italics. It Is Clandestine the World Over.

Freemasonry Is Restricted to Male Sex for Definite Reasons. The Rose Cross Is Open to Both Sexes for Another Valid Reason. Therefore, It Is Wrong for Lewis to Misuse and Abuse Both Masonry and Rosicrucianism in His Fraternal Business Racket.

All This Is True. Then Why Does Lewis Use It and Masonry to Promote His Masonic-R. C. Fraternal Racket?

Freemasonry and

cepted. It claims to be all that recognized Freemasonry is, and it claims to accept women into its organization on an equal basis with men, thereby making them Co-Masons. *These claims are naturally denied by recognized Freemasonry throughout the world,* and certainly the established and recognized *Freemasonry of America can justly refute any intimation that those who belong to Co-Masonry are Freemasons in any sense.* Recognized Freemasonry throughout the world is restricted to the masculine sex. This is not because Freemasonry takes any stand regarding the equality of sexes in all other matters, but because the craft of Freemasonry was designed for certain definite purposes, and these purposes have naught to do with the activities of women or their interests.

"A fraternity of musicians may exclude artists or engineers, lawyers or physicians, not because they consider them as unworthy of any companionship or any high place in the social world, but because the fraternity of musicians was designed for certain purposes and limited to certain persons. Therefore, we feel that this word of warning to the effect that so-called Co-Masonry is not a part of Freemasonry at all should be sufficient.

"We might say, incidentally, that it is beyond our conception how any benefit would come to any woman to be united with such an organization, except in a purely social sense, for the *ideals and purposes of Freemasonry could not possibly be carried out in an organization of mixed membership.* The average woman would, therefore, find disappointment in any preconceived ideas she might have about the benefits of being connected with regular Freemasonry through her membership in this organization.

"In the second place, *Co-Masonry is not like Rosicrucianism in any sense.* Neither regular Freemasonry nor Co-Masonry conducts any classes or systematic schooling for the education of their members along certain definite lines, and Co-Masonry most certainly contains no graded system of instruction like that contained in the Rosicrucian organization.

Rosicrucianism Are Different, But Lewis Confuses Them and Makes Them the Basis of His Masonic-Rose Cross Racket and Fraud.

Freemasonry is a system of moral and ethical education of the highest type, but it is not a graded system of instruction covering hundreds of subjects like the Rosicrucian system, and it does not claim to be. Its work is quite definite, and in its field of activity it has no equal for its moral force and power of uplift among men.

"For women to join an organization devoted mostly to social activities and the working of a philosophical ritual, without any definite instruction or practical benefits, may be satisfactory for some, but wholly unsatisfactory for those who are seeking that which the Rosicrucian organization contains. Furthermore, the present propaganda directed to interest and solicit Rosicrucians on the basis that Co-Masonry is identical with Rosicrucianism is unfair as well as untrue." (*The Rosicrucian Forum,* April, 1932, pp. 155 and 156.)

It Is a Serious Matter When They Seek Lewis' Paying Members!

It Makes a Difference

When the movement of *Co-Masonry* was established in the United States by the Theosophical movement under the leadership of Madam Aimie Besant, under a charter from the O. T. O., and threatened to make inroads upon the paying membership of his fraternal racket and Masonic-Rosicrucian[3] swindle, he was quick to condemn it—yet he claims Rosicrucian authority was granted to him by the O. T. O. In 1934 at the Congress of Brussels, when he needed the assistance of discredited Masons, sponsoring Co-Masonry, to establish the FUDOSI, to recognize his fraternal racket "as the only genuine R. C. Order in America," he joined the Congress in the ratification of Female-Masonic Lodges. You see, he needed an "International Rose Cross Council" *so badly* that he was willing to do almost anything within reason, even to going to the extent of approving Co-Masonry to get it.

So, also, in 1935 when he was hard pressed for proof of R. C. World Congresses and International R. C. Council Meetings to justify the many trips of himself and family to Europe to attend the same, at the expense of the members of AMORC, and *having*

[3] See our Reproduction No. 40 of his O. T. O. charter (?), "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4."

no such proof—but needing it very much—why, he just picked up an announcement of the O. T. O issued in 1918 announcing the formation of an "International" and "Universal" Co-Masonic organization and said to his voluntary investigating committee: "Now, there is the proof that the Rosicrucians in Germany in 1907 issued a call for a great International R. C. Congress to be held in Paris in 1908." Then he picked up another O. T. O. paper and said: "See? Here is the report of that great International R. C. Congress which concluded its deliberations in Paris on June 9, 1908. It is signed by Papus and Teder, former Grand Masters of the Martinist Order; by Blanchard, the present Grand Master of that Order, who participated in the FUDOSI Congress in 1934, and, moreover, by Theodore Reuss, *Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucians* and the O. T. O." The committee, unable to read French and German, were well pleased and fully satisfied that it was all true. The ruse and deceptive trick worked so well on the "careful" investigating committee that he decided to publish those documents—somewhat altered, deleted and mutilated in *White Book D* as "Exhibit No. 6" and fool the rest of the gullible and credulous world. That was a vain and fatal error. There are some who can read French and German and also who know when and where Rosicrucian international convocations have been held. Of course, as the immortal Lincoln said: "You can fool some of the people all the time and all the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time."

These Other Documents

Let us give consideration to the other documents marked "B" and "C" in our Reproduction No. 43 of "Exhibit No. 6," which Mr. Lewis says is a mimeographed copy of the proceedings of a Rosicrucian Convention to form an international alliance concluded in Paris, June 9, 1908. The top part marked "B" appears to be the heading to an O. T. O. document and is in printed characters, whereas the lower part is in typewriter type. There is nothing to indicate they are parts of the same document, except that they are shown in the same picture and exhibited together with a lot of ink smeared upon and between them. They may be parts of two separate documents, the head of one and the tail of the other. However, be that as it may, it is not material or very important.

The important fact is that, whatever it may be, it is not the official report or a copy of the proceedings of a Rosicrucian Congress or Convention concluded in Paris, June 9, 1908, and that Mr. Lewis' representations to that effect and his statements and all implications concerning the Congress of Paris that concluded June 9, 1908, are false.

There was a Congress held in Paris that concluded on the ninth day of June, 1908, under the call and leadership of Papus (Dr. M. Gerard Encausse), but it was not a Rosicrucian Congress or Convention and had naught to do with the August Fraternity.

Masonic Congress of Paris

June 7, 8 and 9, 1908

There was a Spiritualistic Masonic Congress held on June 7, 8 and 9, 1908, in the Palace of the Scientifical Societies and the Temple of Human Rights under the Presidency of Dr. Papus, the official proceedings of which were published in 1910 by the *Hermetic Library of Paris*. It was a Masonic Congress. It dealt with spiritualism, which Lewis has so strongly condemned of recent years, although he publishes as his "Exhibit No. 11"[4] an article written by himself in 1906. Its speakers discussed other subjects, none of which were or are Rosicrucian or had to do with esoteric Rosicrucian doctrines or teachings. Although several subjects, such as spiritualism, magnetism and associated esoteric sciences and spiritualistic Masonry, were discussed, no action was taken on any of these subjects except matters purely Masonic dealing with Rites under the "Ancient Constitutions of G. A. D. L. U," such as the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and other Freemasonic Rites, and resulted only in the formation of a *Masonic Convent of Spiritualistic Rites* and what was said to be the Universal Masonic Federation.

That all may see the exact nature and accomplishments of that Congress; that there may be no misunderstanding or misinformation on the subject and to the end that Lewis may not deceive and mislead others on the subject, we publish herewith *fac-simile* reproductions of the title page of the *Hermetic Library* (1910) and other

[4] *White Book D*, p. 27.

pages of the official report of that Congress, with translation thereof, as follows:

TITLE PAGE, HERMETIC LIBRARY

Our Reproduction No. 45

SPIRITUALISTIC CONGRESS OF JUNE, 1908

Under Presidency of Dr. Papus

REPORT OF WORK IN CONGRESS AND OF THE SPIRITUALISTIC MASONIC COVENANT

Spiritualism, Christianism and Sciences Annexed to Magnetism, Spiritualistic Masonry

PARIS

Library Hermetique
(Hermetic Library)
4 Rue de Frustenberg, 4
1910

Translation of Page 7

Our Reproduction No. 45A

The first part of this page concludes a statement of the proposed arrangements for the Congress and concludes by telling of the response made to the call for the Congress by Dr. Papus and gives the personnel of the temporary organization committee as follows:

> "Numerous personalities of the occultist World, spiritual or magnetic, adhered immediately to the proposition of Doctor Papus, namely, Messrs. Beaudelot, Ernest Bosc, Courrier, Edmond Dace, Gabriel Delanne, Leon Denis, Henri Durville, Albert Jounet, the Commandant Mantin, Phaneg, etc. And soon after the temporary

Comite d'Organization (organization committee) of the Spiritualistic Congress and of the Masonic Covenant was definitely constituted.

Composition of Comite d'Organization Provisiore

(Members of the Temporary Organization Committee)
"President: Dr. Papus.

"Members: Messrs. Beaudelot, Dr. Biagini, Charles Blanchard, Bonnet, H. Brouillou, E. Dace, Desjobert, Charles Dubourg, Durville sons, Faugeron, Genty, R. Guenon, Etienne Garin, Albert Jounet, Merle, Albert and Leon Noel, Phaneg, Schmid, Teder and Thomas.

"Secretary: Mr. Victor Blanchard.

"Assistant Secretary: Mr. Paul Veux.

"Treasurer: Chacornac."

Translation of Page 211

Our Reproduction No. 45B

MASONIC COVENANT OF SPIRITUALISTIC RITES

"It is not possible, because of indiscretions (curiosity of outsiders) for us to go too deeply into details on the composition of the covenant.

"At the first appeal of the organizers, seventeen Masonic Orders and three affiliated orders answered by sending special delegates. *The Hiram Review* gave the following list: 1. The Grand Orient and 33rd Sovereign Sanctuary of the German Empire. 2. Arabian Masonry (The Sons of Ismael). 3. The Supreme Universal Counsel of the Mixed Masonry. 4. The Grand Spanish Symbolic Lodge (National Spanish Rite). 5. The Sovereign National Grand Counsel Iberique. 6. The Ancient and Primitive Rites of Masonry (England and Ireland). 7. The Swedish Grand Lodge of England.

> 8. The Grand Portuguese Delegation of the National Spanish Rite. 9. The Grand Lodge of the Green Cap. 10. The Blue Rite of the Argentine Republic. 11. The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Accepted Masons of the State of Ohio. 12. The Grand Lodge of St. John of the Ancient and Accepted Freemasons of the State of Massachusetts. 13. The Provincial Grand Lodge of Germany of the Rite of Swedenborg. 14. The Grand Swedenborg Lodge of France. 15. The 33rd Supreme Counsel of Mexico. 16. The Supreme Counsel of the Oriental Masonic Order of Mizraim and Egypt for Italy. 17. The Order of the Illuminates of Germany. 18. *The Order of the Esoteric Rose Croix.* 19. *The Martinist Order.* 20. *The Kabbalistic Order of the Rose Croix.* (Our italics.)
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> "Fourteen others were represented, but it was decided that these would not be made public. Their delegates arrived June 9th."

Even though it is obvious beyond the shadow of a doubt that the Congress of Paris, held in 1908, was a Masonic Congress, that had to do with Masonry alone; that it had naught to do with the Rosicrucian Fraternity, and notwithstanding that the authentic official report of that Congress, as above set forth, shows that the delegates present and participating represented seventeen Masonic Orders and *three Orders affiliated* with Masonry and interested therein, yet there may be someone who might be led to believe—but incorrectly so—that the Congress had to do or in some way dealt with Rosicrucian matters, because of the two Orders listed as numbers, 18, 19 and 20, and printed in italics in the above list of Orders represented, use the words *"Rose Croix"* as a part of their name and the other has been incorrectly spoken of or represented to be a Rosicrucian organization. We have heretofore dealt with the Martinist Order and have shown it to be *basically* Masonic and closely affiliated with Masonry. Nothing further need be said with reference to that Order in this connection.

Not Rose Cross Orders

The Order of the Esoteric Rose Croix was a select Order, of

meager membership, restricted entirely to Masons, much like the English Masonic Rosicrucian Societies discussed in Part One of this chapter. The membership of this Order composed almost entirely of Ancient and Primitive Masons, most of whom were members of the O. T. O., was organized for the deeper study of the esoteric and spiritualistic aspects of the Rites of Mizraim, Memphis and other esoteric and spiritualistic Masonic Rites. It was, therefore, purely Masonic in its purpose and every aspect, fashioning its name after the highly spiritual and deep esoterical Rose Croix Degree in Masonry. Its delegates to the congress were all members of the O. T. O., which was also represented, all of whom are now deceased. The Esoteric Order of the Rose Croix has given no signs of life since 1914 and is now non-existent.

The Kabbalistic Order of the Rose Croix, also interested in the spiritualistic and esoteric aspect of Masonry, was organized by Stanislas de Guaita, who died in 1897, primarily and almost exclusively for the study of the Kabbala and related symbology and sciences. However, Kabbalistic Orders are not, strictly speaking, Rosicrucian Orders, although several great Rosicrucians have been deeply interested in the Kabbala and have written extensively and interestingly on its doctrines.

Neither of the above-mentioned Orders were Rosicrucian Orders. Therefore, let no one be misled or permit themselves to be misled by the deceptive appearance of names or the cunningly designed deceptive tactics of those who would convert Masonic Congresses into Rosicrucian World Councils to serve a desperate need as evidence to sustain a false position and a fraudulent device of a Masonic-Rose Cross swindle.

But aside from the fact that said two Orders with names that might *prima facie* or on the mere surface leave the impression that Rosicrucian Orders participated in that Congress, the object declared by the Congress, the proceedings thereof and that which was done and accomplished by the Congress are the best evidence of the purpose and nature of the assembly. Let us, then, consider pages 218, 219 and 220 of the *Hermetic Library,* containing that part of the official report of the Congress wherein its purpose and its accomplishments are fully set forth, as follows:

Translation of Pages 218, 219 and 220

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(Page 218)

"His speech finished, F.·.Teder gave the vows to the Organizers of the Covenant. After a short discussion of details of no importance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF FREEMASONRY CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE UNIVERSAL MASONIC FEDERATION UNDER THE ANCIENT CONSTITUTIONS OF THE G.·.A.·.D.·.L.·.U.·.

"1. The Universal Masonic Federation is for the union and progress of all the Masonic Rites of which it is composed.

"2. Each Federal Rite conserves its complete autonomy, its interior organizations and its statutes without the aid of the Federation.

"3. Each Federal Rite engages itself only to receive fraternally the members of other Federal Rites and to establish fraternal relations with all the Rites of the Federation.

"4. To organize and centralize the efforts of the Universal Masonic Federation, a central office is to be established in Paris (France) under the title of Secretary of the Universal Masonic Federation.

"5. The Universal Masonic Federation will group the new elements which may be constituted around the Federal Rites existing in a country.

"6. When no Federal Rite exists the Universal Masonic Federation reserves the right to establish formations (*i.e.*, branches or orders) attached to any one of the Federal Rites without regard to the protest of the non-Federal Rites already established.

"7. When a Masonic Rite refuses to enter into relation with the Universal Masonic Federation, the said

Federation reserves the right to establish in the same place the formation of a Federal Rite.

"8. The Secretary of the Federation exercises the following functions:

"(a) He keeps up to date the register of the Masonic Rites pertaining to the Federation (beginning of page 219). All Masonic Rites possessing at least three Lodges at the moment of its demand to affiliate can become part of the Universal Masonic Federation by simply adhering to the statutes of the Masonic Federation. Until further orders, joining the Federation will not entail expense.

"(b) The Secretary organizes courses and studies on the History, the Symbolism and the Degrees of the Freemasonry.

"These lessons will be written and communicated to the Federal Rites. Each Federal Rite will take especial care to conserve the communications (teachings) for its particular use and not communicate (disclose) to the non-Federal Rites.

"(c) Each Federal Rite adhering to the Federation will name a delegate who reports to the Secretary.

"(d) The Secretary will submit to the best reputed Masonic writers the questions of instruction that are given out for study and will publish, if necessary, the advice of these writers on each question.

"The Congress of Paris, June 9, 1908.

"Considering:

"1. That discussions have arisen for a long time between certain Masonic Rites that pretend to be regular and that do not want to recognize the regularity of the other Masonic Rites, often of very ancient constitution;

"2. That the impartial history of Freemasonry proves that at the origin of each of the Rites, as actually practiced in the different civilized countries, there are such elements of irregularity that none of the Rites can pretend authority or dominate others on the subject;

"3. That, before 1690, a Masonic body existed in England; that its statutes were violated by the Masons called Orangists and later in 1717 by the founders of the Grand Lodge of London, which, therefore, shows the evident manner of the irregularity of the Orangist Masons and the Grand Lodge of London, now called the Grand Lodge of England;

"4. That it is practically impossible for the Grand Lodge of England, since the Archives do not date back further than 1723, to prove the regularity of its origin (beginning of page 220), and history proves, without doubt, its irregularity according to the viewpoint of Primitive Masonry;

"5. That the Grand Orient of France cannot furnish any document to justify its regularity when it pretends that the first Grand Master in France was the Count of Derventwater, who never had any power or rights from the Grand Lodge of England, and that its second Grand Master was a Count d'Harnouester, who has never existed;

"6. That, consequently, if the Grand Orient of France is founded on a historical lie, it is necessarily irregular to its first head or since its beginning;

"7. That the Grand Orient of France was founded in 1773 by a rebellion of certain members against the Grand Lodge of France, then under the Ancient Constitutions, which was organized by factious Masons officially driven or expelled from the Masonic Fraternity, and which became more irregular when in 1877 it retired or seceded from the Universal Masonry;

"8. That, if the English founders of the Grand Lodge of London in 1717, failing in their duty and vows, took the right to found a new Masonic body—said to be modern—then this right belongs equally as well to all those who are not held by any obligations;

"9. That, if the Grand Orient of France was founded on irregularities and historic impostures, then all men, free of all obligations or attachments, have the right to found such Masonic Rites which may please them, and

such Rites will be certainly more regular than those of the Grand Orient of France.

"The members unanimously decided to constitute in Paris a Supreme Grand Council and Grand Orient of the Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry for France and its dependencies and to accept from the Sovereign Sanctuary and Grand Orient of Berlin the constituting or foundation Patent, and also to establish a Central Bureau or office under the title of Secretary of the Universal Masonic Federation.

"Paris, June 9, 1908. E.·.V.·.

"After the vote that resolution was transcribed under form of verbal process in the Golden Book of the Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary and Grand Orient of Berlin, present at the Convent."

It Is Obvious and Certain

It is obvious that the Congress of Paris, concluded on June 9, 1908, was purely a Masonic Congress; that all of Mr. Lewis' representations concerning it—especially that it was a Rosicrucian International Council—are altogether false; that, judged by his own standard, quoted at the beginning of this part,[5] all of his statements concerning his fabricated AMORC are unworthy of belief, wholly discredited and must be looked upon as cunning devices to deceive, and that the publication of the parts of deleted, mutilated and falsified documents in his "Exhibit No. 6," *as shown in our Reproduction No. 43,*[6] was done with his back against the wall and under circumstances of sheer necessity to sustain a perpetual falsehood maintained since he fabricated his spurious order in 1915 and to perpetuate his fraternal racket and Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

In that Lewis has no Rosicrucian authority for his fabricated AMORC and, in fact, is not a Rosicrucian or a Mason, although he has made false pretensions to being both and has wrongfully and fraudulently used the good name of both of these great fra-

[5] *White Book D,* p. 5.

[6] *White Book D,* p. 22.

ternities to promote his vicious fraternal fraud. Yet, nevertheless, in the final analysis he has relied upon fictitious, non-existent R. C. World and International Councils:[7] first as sanctioning his French R. C. "sponsorship"[8] and, lastly, that he has been a member of such councils since 1915—of which he has fictitiously created several—which have recognized the "authenticity" of his fraternal enterprise and family racket. Before considering the FUDOSI, his latest fictitious and fraudulently created R. C. Council, which we shall consider in Part Four hereof, let us next consider an International Rosicrucian Council which he created but a few years ago that failed utterly and "went sour" on him, inasmuch as it is another characteristic example of his infinite and cunning trickery to promote and perpetuate his fraudulent Masonic-Rosicrucian scheme.

[7] By this we do not mean to say that there is not an International Rosicrucian Council, but that all of Lewis' so-called International R. C. Councils are fictitious and non-existent.

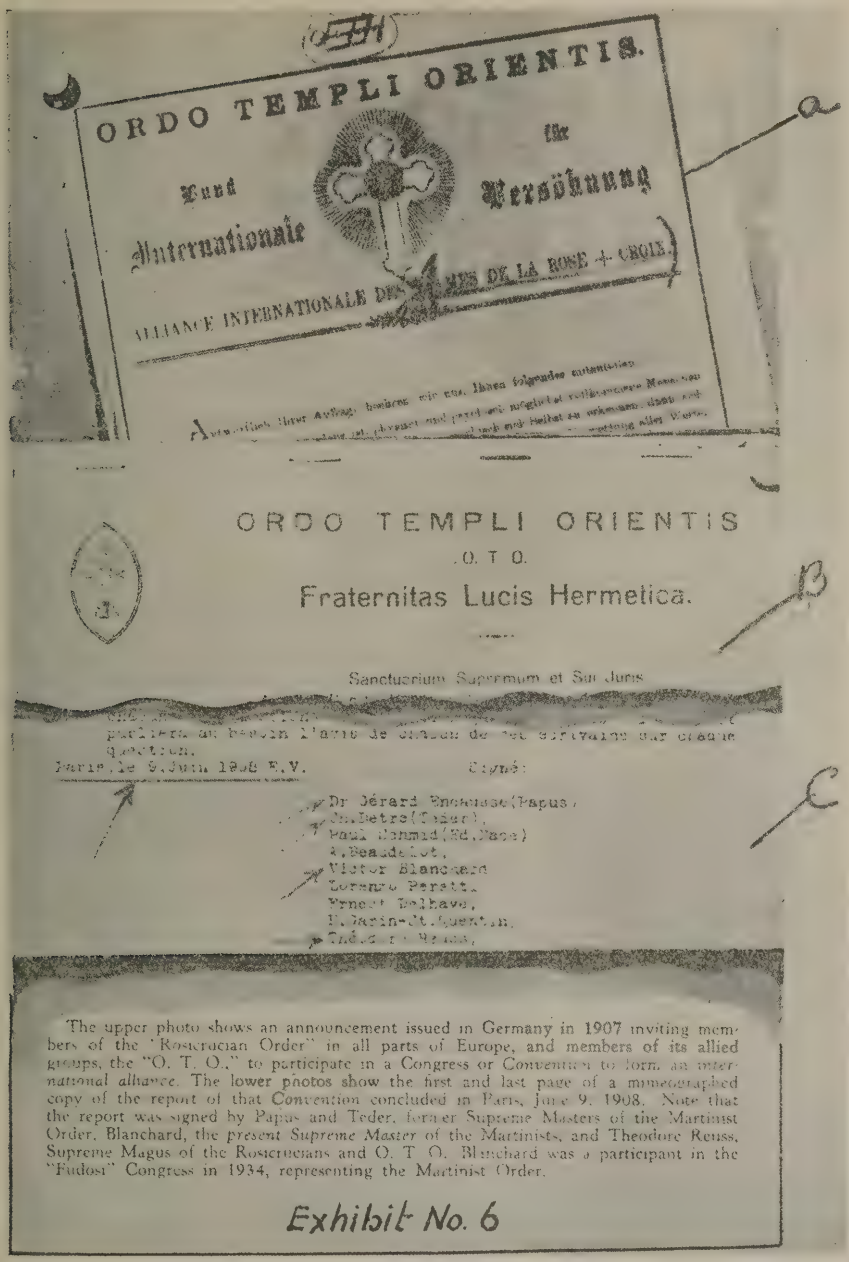
[8] See Chapter Five hereof.

Notes on Reproduction No. 43

Particular attention is directed to our reproduction of the Lewis "Exhibit No. 6." Note that he represents the upper paper, marked "A," to be an announcement issued in 1907, inviting members of the Rosicrucian Order to participate in a Congress or *Convention* to form an *international alliance.* IT IS WILLFULLY AND VICIOUSLY FALSE! To hide the miserable misrepresentation, he deleted the "D" from the word DAMES in the fourth line. In French, "Dames" means "Ladies," whereas "Ames" means Souls. So he made the line read (translated): "International Alliance of the Souls of the Rose Croix." IT WAS BASE TRICKERY! The announcement in question was a call by the O. T. O., a Masonic organization, to the women of all nations to form an International Alliance of Co-Masonry—*to establish Female Masonic Lodges,* which is world-wide clandestine Masonry. Moreover, it was *not* issued in 1907, *but* in 1918, after the World War, as shown by the context of the announcement, and did *not* relate to the Congress of Paris concluding June 9, 1908. See our Reproductions Nos. 44 and 44A of the entire document and the translation in the text.

The Congress of Paris, concluding June 9, 1908, was not a Rosicrucian Convention, as Mr. Lewis would have us believe; it had nothing to do with the Rose Cross. It was a Masonic Congress, as shown by our Reproductions Nos. 45 to 45E, both inclusive, of pages from the official report of that Congress, translated in the text. See the preceding text for still other gross deception practiced in connection herewith. The deliberate trickery shown in his "Exhibit No. 6" is almost as despicable as the cunning mutilation and vile deception shown in his "Exhibit No. 8." (See our Reproduction No. 54 and our Exhibit N.) These Exhibits Nos. 6 and 8 are *conspicuous, self-luminous* BADGES OF FRAUD. These exhibits containing the crafty work of petty trickery supply evidence in abundance of LITTLE FRAUDS TO CONCEAL A GREAT FRAUD AND TO PERPETUATE A HUGE SWINDLE.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 43



ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS.

Bund der Versöhnung

Internationale

ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DES ORDRES DE LA ROSE + CROIX.

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ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS

.O. T O.

Fraternitas Lucis Hermetica.

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Sanctuarium Supremum et Sui Juris

Paris, le 9.Juin 1908 E.V.

Signé:

Dr Gérard Encausse(Papus)
Jn.Betre(Teder)
Paul Schmid(Sd.Mace)
A.Beaudelot,
Victor Blanchard
Lorenzo Peretti
Ernest Delhave,
H.Marin-St.Quentin,
Théodore Reuss,

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The upper photo shows an announcement issued in Germany in 1907 inviting members of the "Rosicrucian Order" in all parts of Europe, and members of its allied groups, the "O. T. O." to participate in a Congress or Convention to form an *international alliance*. The lower photos show the first and last page of a mimeographed copy of the report of that Convention concluded in Paris, June 9, 1908. Note that the report was signed by Papus and Teder, former Supreme Masters of the Martinist Order, Blanchard, the *present Supreme Master* of the Martinists, and Theodore Reuss, Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucians and O. T. O. Blanchard was a participant in the "Fudost" Congress in 1934, representing the Martinist Order.

Exhibit No. 6

See notes on opposite page.

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ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS

O. T. O.

ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE
des „DAMES DE LA ROSE ✠ CROIX"

L'Alliance Internationale des «Dames de la Rose ✠ Croix» est une organisation auxiliaire de la Fédération Universelle des Templiers.

Le Sécrétariat de la Fédération donne la déclaration suivante sur le but de l'organisation

Nous représentons, et nous aspirons à la réalisation de la réconciliation universelle des peuples sans distinction des races et des religions sur la base du gouvernement autonome de tous les peuples politiquement mûrs.

Ceci constitue, pour ainsi dire, notre politique extérieure. Et sans nous fixer sur les détails, nous qualifions ainsi l'idée fondamentale qui nous gouverne dans nos rélations avec tous les peuples.

Nous suivons cependant aussi une sorte de politique intérieure, en aspirant au nivellement des grands contrastes sociaux régnants dans tous les pays. Nous vôtons pour toutes les mesures sociales capables de soutenir le bien être de toutes les classes travaillantes, productrices et industrielles. Nous aspirons à la transformation et au développement des conditions financières, économiques et productives des différentes communautés des états, basée sur un fondement de lignes directrices vastes, larges, tolérantes, altruistes, cooperatives et internationales. Nous cherchons, par tous les moyens possibles, ~~à faire prévaloir de~~ façon pratique notre conviction, que l'art de toutes ses branches est l'unique moyen pour guérir les plaies infligées par cette guerre. Soit qu'elles se manifestent par un abaissement du niveau moral, ou par la dépression de leurs âmes, ou par un détournement de toute foi en Dieu. L'art, toutes les conditions étant favorables, peut guérir ces maux physiques et moraux. La musique surtout est faite pour ramener l'homme à Dieu. L'art est le porte-voix, l'annonciatrice par excellence, de l'Harmonie. La récompense qu'attend ceux qui croient en Dieu est se dissoudre dans l'harmonie, car la divinité elle-même est l'éternelle harmonie.

Puisque Dieu, ou le créateur des mondes, ou la Loi éternelle cosmique, a donné les femmes comme symbole de la beauté au monde humain, et que tout art doit être beau pour pouvoir avoir un effet harmonieux, nous considérons la femme comme symbole

On this and the next page is a reproduction in its entirety of the circular (in original French) used by the O. T. O. in 1918 inviting *women* of all nations to organize Female Masonic Lodges and to form an International Alliance of Co-Masonry, which Lewis says was a call for a Rosicrucian Convention held *ten years prior thereto* in Paris in 1908. Note that it is addressed to DAMES (Ladies), *not* AMES (Souls) of DE LA ROSE ✠ CROIX, as it appears in the Lewis "Exhibit No. 6," after the deft hand of a fraternal racketeer cunningly and willfully deleted and obscured the "D" in the French word Dames. None, save only Mystical Swindlers, possessed of the deceptive powers of the *Black Arts*, could make such a remarkable transformation as this. By a simple stroke of a pencil "Ladies" are transformed into Souls."

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personnifié de l'art et de la beauté, comme représentante principale et annonciatrice de notre but de la réconciliation des peuples. Car la réconciliation des peuples fait aussi supposer l'harmonie et un accord des âmes, que les femmes sont surtout appelées à évoquer par l'art dans ses différentes branches, et à l'attiser comme une flamme et à la conserver. Nous engageons donc en premier lieu les femmes de tous les pays, à s'allier au tentatives de notre Ordre pour réaliser une réconciliation des peuples, et d'organiser des synodes ou des loges de notre Ordre et à faire une propagande ardente pour l'Harmonisation des Nations qui encore se combattent, et se salissent avec une rage toute à fait déraisonnable.

De même que l'art, le symbolisme est également un moyen conduisant à l'harmonie. Il a la faculté à faire résonner des accords, communs à tous, dans les peuples les plus diffèrents, et à nouer des liens d'amitié autour d'eux. Notre Ordre commence donc à initier ses membres dans les mystères des symboles sacrés des Anciens. Il se servira à ce but d'une forme adaptée aux buts annoncées de l'Ordre, et il donnera aux femmes une instruction adaptée à les faire des apôtres des arts sacrées, afin qu'elles puissent partout, et toujours, êtres actives comme missionnaires du nouveau message de salut. Tous les symboles de salut de tous les peuples et de tous les temps se rencontrent dans le symbole de la Rose Mystique Crucifiée Tous nos membres doivent donc tâcher d'être reçus dans la communauté de ceux qui réconnaissent ce symbole de la Rose Mystique. Mais, avant de pouvoir être reçu dans le Centre Ésotérique des Initiés, ils doivent d'abord acquérir les connaissances élémentaires de tout symbolisme, en passant par les 3 degrés de la Maçonnerie Symbolique. Car la compréhension de tous les symboles mystiques se base sur cette connaissance.

Des Femmes de bonne famille désirant se joindre à l'Alliance sont priées d'écrire à l'Administrateur de l'O. T. O., M. Reuss-Willsson, Professeur Hon. de l'École Supérieure des Sciences Médicales Appliquées de Paris (Université de France), Casella Postale à Bâle. ~~Lugano. Les cotisations sont payables à la Banque de la Suisse Italienne à Lugano.~~

Le Secrétaire de l'Ordre

LABAN DE LABAN

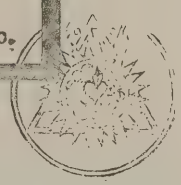
IN MEMORIAM!

The Most Puissant and Most Illstr. Sovereign Grnad Master Gen

of the Antient & Primitive Rite of Masonry for France Bro.

Charles Henri Détré (TEDER)33. 97. X.

our most dearly beloved Friend and Co-Founder of our O.T.O.



From the translation of this circular given in the preceding text, it appears that it relates exclusively to Female Masonry and that it had nothing to do with any convention of the Rosicrucians. At the time of issuance Reuss-Willsson, head of the O. T. O., was in Paris. The heading of the circular—*mutilated* and published by Lewis—was the same circular published in German, retaining the French headline: *Alliance Internationale des "Dames de la Rose ✠ Croix."* It takes a wizard of the *Black Arts* to transform an invitation of the O. T. O. to Ladies to join Female Masonry into a call for a Rosicrucian Convention which *in fact* was a Masonic Congress held ten years prior to the issuance of said invitation to the ladies.

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

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Congrès Spiritualiste de Juin 1908

Sous la présidence du Docteur PAPUS

COMPTE RENDU

Complet

des Travaux du Congrès

et du

Convent maçonnique Spiritualiste

Spiritualisme — Christianisme ésotérique

Magnétisme et Sciences annexes — Maçonnerie Spiritualiste

PARIS

LIBRAIRIE HERMÉTIQUE

4, RUE DE FURSTENBERG, 4

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1910

This is the title page to a volume publishing the complete official report of the proceedings of the Congress of Paris, concluded on June 9, 1908, under the presidency of Dr. Papus, published in 1910 by the *Hermetic Library*. We reproduce herewith a sufficient number of pages from this volume to demonstrate with certainty and beyond all doubt that it was a Masonic Congress and *not* a Rosicrucian Convention, as represented by Mr. Lewis. See translation in the preceding text and the *fac-simile* reproductions of the five pages from this volume of the proceedings of this Congress which immediately follow. They tell the true story, which may be compared with the deleted and mutilated documents in Lewis' deceptive "Exhibit No. 6" and his false representations regarding the same.

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Dès maintenant, le *Voile d'Isis* va centraliser, sous la direction du jeune Chacornac, toute la partie administrative du futur Congrès.

L'*Initiation* va présider au groupement des Ecoles Occultistes.

Le *Journal du Magnétisme* va s'occuper de la Section Magnétique du Congrès, sous la direction de Durville.

La Revue *Hiram* organisera le Convent Maçonnique en faisant appel aux Suprêmes Conseils amis et aux autres à l'occasion.

Enfin, nous ferons d'ici un mois les démarches en vue de l'appui d'un ou de plusieurs journaux spirites.

Pour le moment nous ne voulons aucune souscription. Selon nos habitudes, nous organiserons tout à nos frais, pour commencer, et nous ne ferons appel à nos lecteurs que lorsque nous aurons la certitude d'une réussite à peu près certaine.

PAPUS.

De nombreuses personnalités du Monde occultiste, spirite ou magnétique adhérèrent aussitôt à la proposition du Docteur Papus. Citons notamment MM. Beaudelot, Ernest Bosc, Courrier, Edmond Dace, Gabriel Delanne, Léon Denis, Henri Durville, Albert Jounet, le commandant Mantin, Phaneg, etc. Et bientôt après, fut définitivement constitué le *Comité d'Organisation provisoire* du Congrès spiritualiste et du Convent Maçonnique.

Composition

du

Comité d'Organisation provisoire.

Président: M. le Docteur Papus.

Membres: MM. Beaudelot, docteur Biagini, Charles Blanchard, Bonnet, H. Brouilloux, E. Dace, Desjobert, Ch. Dubourg, Durville fils, Faugeron, Genty, R. Guénon, Etienne Garin, Albert Jounet, Merle, Albert et Léon Noël, Phaneg, Schmid, Teder et Thomas.

Secrétaire: M. Victor Blanchard.

Secrétaire adjoint: M. Paul Veux.

Trésorier: Chacornac.

Fac-simile reproduction of page 7. (See translation in the preceding text). Here we have the names of those who responded to the call of the Congress by Dr. Papus, also the composition of the temporary organization committee. These are names of well-known Masons adhering to the Rites of Memphis-Mizraim and other Masonic Rites—called the Spiritualistic Rites of Masonry. For that reason they called the Congress *"The Spiritualistic Congress of June, 1908,"* and the agreement entered into or the results accomplished was the *"Spiritualistic Masonic Convent."* None of the men named were Masters or representatives of Rose Cross Orders. It was a *Masonic Congress,* notwithstanding Mr. Lewis' false representations that it was a "Rosicrucian Convention."

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Convent Maçonnique

des

Rites Spiritualistes

Il ne nous est pas possible, afin d'éviter les indiscrétions, d'entrer dans trop de détails sur la composition du Convent.

Au premier appel des organisateurs, 17 puissances maçonniques et 3 ordres affiliés avaient répondu en envoyant des délégations spéciales. La revue *Hiram* en a donné la liste que voici:

1° *Le Grand-Orient et Souverain Sanctuaire* 33e *de l'Empire d'Allemagne;* 2° *Maçonnerie Arabe « Les Fils d'Ismaël;* 3° *Le Suprême Conseil Universel de la Maçonnerie Mixte;* 4° *La Grande Loge Symbolique Espagnole (Rite National Espagnol);* 5° *Le Souverain Grand Conseil National Ibérique;* 6° *Le Rite Ancien et Primitif de la Maçonnerie (Angleterre et Irlande);* 7° *La Grande Loge Swedenborgienne d'Angleterre;* 8° *La Grande Délégation portugaise du Rite National Espagnol;* 9° *La Grande Loge du Cap-Vert;* 10° *Le Rite Bleu de la République Argentine;* 11° *La Grande Loge des Maçons Anciens et Acceptés de l'Etat de l'Ohio;* 12° *La Grande Loge Saint-Jean des Francs-Maçons Anciens et Acceptés de l'Etat de Massachusetts;* 13° *La Grande Loge provinciale d'Allemagne du Rite Swedenborgien;* 14° *La Grande Loge Swedenborgienne de France;* 15° *Le Suprême Conseil* 33e *du Mexique;* 16° *Le Suprême Conseil de l'Ordre Maçonnique Oriental de Misraïm et d'Egypte pour l'Italie;* 17° *L'Ordre des Illuminés d'Allemagne;* 18° *L'Ordre des Rose-Croix ésotériques;* 19° *L'Ordre Martiniste;* 20° *L'Ordre Kabbalistique de la Rose-Croix.*

D'autres puissances, au nombre de 14, se firent également représenter, mais la décision a été prise qu'on ne les ferait pas connaître publiquement. Leurs délégués arrivèrent le 9 juin.

Fac-simile reproduction of page 211. (See translation in the preceding text.) Here we have the beginning of the report of the MASONIC CONVENT of the SPIRITUALISTIC MASONIC RITE, giving a list of the Masonic organizations and Masonically affiliated orders represented at the Congress. Two of these orders (Nos. 18 and 20, underlined), having the term "Rose Croix" in their name, may appear *prima facie* on mere appearance to be Rose Cross Orders, but such is not the case. See text. Pages 212 to 217, both inclusive, contain discussions of the convent for the establishment of a Universal Masonic Federation. Page 218, next reproduced, shows the Masonic Covenant entered into by the Masonic Orders represented at the Congress.

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mes unis sur ce point: *l'universelle Fraternité et non pas la Fraternité limitée aux bornes étroites d'une coterie* »...

Son discours terminé, le F.·. Teder donna lecture des vœux des organisateurs du Convent. Après une légère discussion portant sur quelques détails sans importance, la résolution suivante fut adoptée *à l'unanimité:*

CONGRÈS DES FRANCS-MAÇONS INTERNATIONAUX *pour l'établissement d'une Fédération Maçonnique Universelle soumise aux anciennes Constitutions reconnaissant le G.·. A.·. D.·. L.·. U.·.*

1. — La Fédération Maç.·. Universelle a pour but l'union et le progrès de tous les Rites Maçonniques qui la composent.

2. — Chaque Rite fédéré conserve son autonomie complète, son organisation intérieure et ses statuts, sans que la Fédération ait à s'en occuper.

3. — Chaque Rite fédéré s'engage seulement à recevoir frat.·. les membres des autres Rites également fédérés et à établir des relations frat.·. avec tous les Rites de la Fédération.

4. — Pour organiser et centraliser les efforts de la Fédération Maç.·. Universelle, un Bureau Central est établi à Paris (France) sous le titre de Secrétariat de la Fédération Maç.·. Universelle.

5. — La Fédération Maç.·. Universelle groupera autour des Rites fédérés existant dans un pays les nouveaux éléments qui pourront être constitués.

6. — Quand aucun Rite fédéré n'existe dans une contrée, la Fédération Maç.·. Universelle se réserve le droit d'établir des formations rattachées à l'un des Rites fédérés, sans avoir à tenir compte des protestations des Rites non fédérés établis dans ladite contrée.

7. — Quand un Rite Maç.·. établi dans une contrée quelconque refuse d'entrer en relations avec la Fédération Maç.·. Universelle, ladite Fédération se réserve le droit d'établir dans ladite contrée des formations d'un Rite fédéré.

SECRÉTARIAT

8. — Le Secrétariat de la Fédération exerce les fonctions suivantes:

a) *Il tient à jour le Registre des Rites Maç.·. faisant partie de la Fédération;*

Fac-simile reproduction of page 218. (See translation in preceding text.) Here we have the report of the Covenant adopted by the "INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF FREEMASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE UNIVERSAL MASONIC FEDERATION UNDER THE ANCIENT CONSTITUTIONS OF G. A. D. L. U." Is there any doubt—can there be any doubt—in anybody's mind that this was a MASONIC CONGRESS, notwithstanding the assertion of the Past Master of Cunning Devices, Petty Trickery and Expert Deception that it was a Rosicrucian Convention?

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

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Tout Rite Maç.·. possédant au moins trois Loges au moment de sa demande d'affiliation peut faire partie de la Fédération Maç.·. Universelle en adhérant simplement aux Statuts de celle-ci;

Jusqu'à nouvel ordre, l'adhésion n'entraîne aucuns frais;

b) *Le Secrétariat organise des Cours et des Etudes sur l'Histoire, le Symbolisme et les grades de la Franc-Maçonnerie;*

Ces enseignements seront ensuite écrits et communiqués aux Rites fédérés.

Chaque Rite fédéré prendra soin de conserver ces travaux pour son usage particulier et de ne pas les communiquer aux Rites non fédérés.

c) *Chaque Rite fédéré nomme, en adhérant à la Fédération, un délégué qui se mettra en rapport avec le Secrétariat.*

d) *Le Secrétariat soumettra aux écrivains Maç.·. les plus réputés chacune des questions d'instruction qui sont mises à l'étude, et il publiera au besoin l'avis de chacun de ces écrivains sur chaque question.*

LE CONGRÈS DE PARIS du 9 juin 1908.

Considérant:

1. — Que des discussions se sont élevées depuis longtemps entre divers Rites Maç.·. qui prétendent chacun être réguliers et qui ne veulent pas reconnaître la régularité des autres Rites Maç.·., souvent de constitution très ancienne ;

2. — Que l'Histoire impartiale de la Franc-Maç.·. prouve qu'à l'origine de chacun des Rites actuellement pratiqués dans les divers pays civilisés, il y a de tels éléments d'irrégularité qu'aucun Rite ne peut prétendre régenter les autres à ce sujet;

3. — Qu'antérieurement à 1690, une Maçonnerie a existé en Angleterre dont les Statuts ont été violés par les fondateurs de la Maçonnerie dite Orangiste, et, plus tard, en 1717, par les fondateurs de la Grande Loge de Londres — ce qui montre d'une manière évidente l'irrégularité de la Maçonnerie dite Orangiste et de la Grande Loge de Londres appelée Grande Loge d'Angleterre;

4. — Qu'il est matériellement impossible à la Grande Loge d'Angleterre, dont les Archives ne remontent pas au delà de 1723, de prouver la régularité de son origine, alors

Fac-simile reproduction of page 219. (See translation in preceding text.) Beginning on page 218 and continuing to the middle of this page, the duties of the Secretary of the Federation are set forth, he being the officer in charge of the central office of the Universal Masonic Federation established in Paris by the Congress, as shown on page 220.

Beginning at the middle of this page and continuing on page 220 is recorded a discussion of the regularity of Masonic Rites in which we are in no way interested. These pages are reproduced and translated to show that this was a Masonic Congress and *not* a Rosicrucian Convention.

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que les faits historiques prouvent, sans réplique possible, sa parfaite irrégularité au point de vue de la Maçonnerie Primitive;

5. — Que le Grand-Orient de France ne peut fournir aucun document justificatif de sa propre régularité, alors qu'il prétend que le premier Grand-Maître, en France, fut un comte de Derventwater, *lequel n'a jamais eu aucun pouvoir de la Grande Loge d'Angleterre,* et que le deuxième Grand-Maître fut un comte d'Harnouester, *lequel n'a jamais existé;*

6. — Que, par conséquent, si le Grand-Orient est fondé sur un mensonge historique, il est forcément irrégulier au premier chef;

7. — Que le Grand-Orient de France est né, en 1773, d'une rébellion contre la Grande-Loge de France, alors soumise aux anciennes Constitutions; qu'il a été organisé par des Maçons factieux chassés officiellement de la Fraternité Maçonnique, et qu'il est devenu davantage irrégulier, quand, en 1877, il s'est retranché de la Maçonnerie Universelle ;

8. — Que si les fondateurs anglais de la Grande Loge de Londres, en 1717, se sont reconnu le droit, tout en manquant à leurs devoirs et à leurs serments antérieurs, de fonder une Maçonnerie nouvelle dite moderne, ce droit appartient d'autant mieux à tous ceux qui ne sont tenus par aucune obligation ;

9. — Que si le Grand-Orient s'est greffé sur des irrégularités et des impostures historiques, tous les hommes libres d'attaches ont le droit de fonder tel Rite Maç.·. qui leur plaît et que ce Rite sera certainement plus régulier que celui du Grand-Orient de France·

A DÉCIDÉ, à l'unanimité de ses membres, de constituer à Paris un *Suprême Grand Conseil et Grand-Orient du Rite Ancien et Primitif de la Maçonnerie* pour la France et ses dépendances, d'accepter du *Souverain Sanctuaire et Grand-Orient de Berlin* la Patente constitutive, et d'établir un *Bureau Central* sous le titre de *Secrétariat de la Fédération Maçonnique Universelle.*

Paris, ce 9 juin 1908, E.·. V.·.

Après le vote, cette Résolution fut transcrite, sous forme de procès-verbal, dans le Livre d'Or du Grand-Maître Général du Souverain Sanctuaire et Grand-Orient de Berlin, présent au Convent.

Fac-simile reproduction of page 220 (see translation in text), continuing with the discussion of regularity of Masonic Rite and showing the establishment of a central office of the Universal Masonic Federation in Paris.

After reviewing the foregoing authentic document it is obvious that said "Exhibit No. 6" is a "concocted" contrivance crudely constructed of deleted, mutilated and falsified Masonic papers and designedly misrepresented under the desperate necessity of proving that he did not lie when he said there have been Rosicrucian Conventions, but principally as a fraudulent device to sustain his Masonic-Rosicrucian fraud and to bolster a vicious and precarious Fraternal Swindle.

PART THREE

INTERNATIONAL, WORLD-WIDE, UNIVERSAL COUNCILS

It will be remembered that the basis of the notorious Thomson Masonic fraud was his self-constituted and wholly spurious Grand Council of Rites of Scotland, and that the heart of the Lewis fraternal racket and Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle is a fictitious "World Council" or "International R. C. Council." He has created several of these faked councils in his imagination and in printer's ink. In his desperation recently he has made two notable but wholly unsuccessful attempts to create with plausible outward appearances such a council. The first of these fraudulent devices, the *Pansophia International R. C. Council,* fabricated in Germany in 1930, will be considered and exposed in this part of this chapter. The others, the FUDOSI—*the International Masonic Scandal,* designed in San Jose and set up with expert cunning and bombastic arrogance in Belgium in 1934—will be considered in Part Four of this chapter.

Twenty-one years ago Lewis launched his fraternal racket under the alleged "sponsorship" of the French R. C., with the "approval of the International Council," which he then located in France. Later he made claim to Rosicrucian authority from a High Lateral Council of Egypt (see Chapter V) as the *Most Perfect Master Profundis* under a curious and spurious document described as *"Pronunziamento F. R. C. No. 987,601,"* as shown in Chapter V, to follow. But when the police of New York City seized the aforesaid curious and spurious Pronunziamento the "World Council" moved again, this time to Switzerland, and he asserted a brand-new claim to Rosicrucian authority for his reorganized enterprise trafficking in brotherly love under a Charter (!) which he called his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," issued by the O. T. O working under a Masonic Patent.[1] However, Switzerland is not very large, and Masonic authority for Rosicrucian enterprise is not so good

[1] See Volume I, pp. 345-346 and pp. 135 to 137, *supra,* this volume, also discussion of this document and Lewis' claims thereunder in Part One, *supra,* this chapter.

nor entirely appropriate. Therefore, he then decided that such a cunningly designed fraudulent scheme should have an all-inclusive Council to grant to him authority, power and titles without limitations. Accordingly, under a bogus Charter of the non-existent Great White Lodge of Tibet,[2] he proclaimed the existence of th mythical "Supreme High Council of the Universe" as sponsoring his great work in fraternal racketeering and as granting unto him authority and power galore with all the sublime, ultra-secret, long-lost and otherwise unknown initiatory rites that have existed forevermore. He located the aforesaid Universal Supreme High Council everywhere and anywhere in the great nowhere. It is now located in the secret closet in San Jose, reposing peacefully with the skeletons of other abandoned "Councils" and spurious sources of Rosicrucian authority.

German R. C. Authority

Although in the careless days of his youth and in perfect ignorance of well-known Rosicrucian facts he had declared that the original R. C. Fraternity, which was *born in Germany*, was a mere branch of the French R. C. Order,[3] and after asserting various spurious claims of Rosicrucian authority derived from fictitious "councils" from France *via* Egypt and Switzerland to the Universal High Council of everything, everywhere, perhaps it did occur to him that, after all, as a matter of fact, a Rose Cross Order, to establish its authenticity, should be able to trace its authority back to Germany, to the *original Fraternity*—the fountain-head of authority from whence came and originated all authority under which every legitimate Rosicrucian Order has since existed and exists today; and that even a fabricated, spurious R. C. Order must be able to show some plausible, ostensible connection with the original Order, which first made its appearance in Germany about the year 1614 under the original name of *Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis*; and that was made known to the world about that time and for the first

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[2] See our Reproduction No. 51 of his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2" and his description of this Council, p. 137, *supra*, this volume.

[3] See *Authentic and Complete History of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*, by H. Spencer Lewis; *The American Rosae Crucis*, March, 1916, p. 23, also *Rosicrucian Questions and Answers With Complete History of the Rosicrucian Order*, H. Spencer Lewis, second edition, 1932, p. 75.

time by the issuance of the *Fama Fraternitatis*, issued by Johann Valentin Andrea under the name of Christian Rosencreutz, if said spurious order expected to continue in the fraternal racketeering business under a Rosicrucian trade name.

Well, be that as it may, about the years 1928 and 1929 we find Mr. Lewis traveling to Europe to attend International R. C. Councils, so he says, but in reality laying schemes and making plans to procure for his spurious R. C. Order a plausible appearance of authority issuing from the original Rosicrucian Order in Germany.

As usual, as soon as his plans were formulated and gave promise of success, he began to prepare the way, the public mind and the minds of his members for their fulfillment.

A close and scrutinizing reader of Lewis' propaganda and promotional literature may see in his preparatory statements and prophecy of what is to be the complete outline of his schemes before the event and which, taken in connection with that which he accomplishes, gives complete pictures of his subterfuges and fraudulent devices. These are, as we have said, Badges of Fraud which point the index finger of truth to the heart of the fraudulent scheme of his fraternal swindle.

Revives R. C. Order in Germany

There being no authentic R. C. Order in Germany that he knew of or was able to contact, due to the fact that he had never become a Rosicrucian, his plan was to establish a spurious R. C. Order and give it the appearance of the resurrection of the original R. C. Order of Christian Rosencreutz. With this scheme formulated and well under way, we find him making his usual preparatory announcement in *The Rosicrucian Digest*, March, 1930, pages 56 and 57, as follows:

GERMAN ROSICRUCIANS ARE HAPPY

A Few Words Regarding the Work of the Order Abroad

By the Imperator

"We have received during the past two months a very large number of official communications from various cities in Germany and Austria showing that many thou-

sands of Rosicrucian students are celebrating the year 1930 with great joyousness because it is the beginning of a new cycle of 108 years of Rosicrucian activity for them. For many years the descendants of highly advanced members of our Order in Germany have been hoping that they might live long enough to see this cycle begin, and they have been slowly teaching their children the ideals and principles of the organization, preparing manuscripts and building up a foundation for the new cycle. *During the years 1928 and 1929* many secret manuscripts were prepared and some private books published in anticipation of the great need for these things the moment the mystic bell was sounded and the hour of new activities would be announced.

"We here in America have been patiently and *secretly corresponding with those who were arranging the foundation plans, and we have been in personal contact with a number of the very prominent leaders of the revived movement in Germany and Austria.*[4] All of the members of the International Rosicrucian Council of the world living in various jurisdictions have been in touch with the German and Austrian officials, encouraging them in their plans and aspirations and assuring them of their hearty co-operation. *The AMORC in America has derived so much benefit in the past from the helpful suggestions of those in Germany, who have so many rare records in their possession, that we have always felt obligated to render every assistance possible in this important event.*[5]

"We have received letters from *mayors* and other *prominent officials* of city and country in Germany and Austria[6] who assure us that they are ready to fulfill the

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[4] The "very prominent leaders of the revival movement in Germany" refers to Heinrich Franker, alias *Fra Recnartus,* with whom he formed the International Council Pansophia. See our Reproductions Nos. 44, 44A and 44B, to be presently discussed.

[5] In view of the great debt which he acknowledges to the Germans, he should not have made those derisive and sarcastic statements about the Dutch farmer-printer in Pennsylvania. See pp. 132, 133, *supra,* this volume.

[6] You may be at a loss to know what the "officials" of Germany have to do with Lewis' scheme, except it may be well for you to know that it is part of his general

position assigned to them as officials of the new Rosicrucian cycle in their country, and we have received other communications from prominent persons outside of Germany or Austria who are related to those others and who want to render every service possible. In some communications received we learn that in certain sections of Germany as many as two thousand especially prepared men and women are waiting beneath the Rosicrucian banner for formal initiation and acceptance into the Order this year. Temples have been planned and are partly under construction. Official magazines and other publications are being prepared, over five hundred active workers have been enlisted to carry on certain definite activities of the Order and large conventions and congresses of members will be held before the year is past.

"To aid in this great work, AMORC has the pleasure of contributing in many ways, and it was my personal pleasure to select one of our best qualified American members to go to Germany during the month of February as the delegate of AMORC in America and to open an office and establish a library and reception and consultation rooms in Munich, from which point our representative can direct the assistance which AMORC of America will give to every part of Germany and Austria during the year. It is also our plan that when our members are traveling through Germany next Spring on the Egyptian trip that we shall meet this delegate and the highest German officers in a special convention in either Cologne or Heidelberg.

"Our recent books and many of our lectures and lessons are now being translated in Germany and Austria for use by the officials of the new cycle, because they have found that our teachings and lessons here in America are the most highly evolved and advanced (!) of any issued in any of the Rosicrucian jurisdictions.

"This revival of the work is taking place not only in Germany and Austria, but in one or two other sections of

scheme to connect himself with "officials," especially in this country. Along with President Roosevelt, he is a distinguished member of the American Flag Association.

the world, and in future articles we will keep our members advised of the beginning of these cycles and announce the new activities. I am sure that all of our members will rejoice in the fact that the work will be greatly helped in all lands by the experiments, investigations, tests and trials made by the thousands of members in Germany and Austria who will now participate in the international affairs." (All italics are ours.)

Propaganda Per Se

Window Dressing Galore

The foregoing article is pure propaganda, wholly untrue and made with a definite design. It is a "stage setting" for the announcement of his spurious authority from Germany and his alleged connection with the original Rosicrucian Fraternity, also to prepare the way for the fake "International R. C. Council," with headquarters in Germany and Austria, which he and his confederates were fabricating or had fabricated at that time, which he announced in November, 1930. It was also "window dressing" for an appeal to his members for funds to be sent to his confederates in Europe to finance the shady projects of creating spurious R. C. Orders and a fake International R. C. Council to be used as fraudulent devices in the promotion of his fraudulent scheme and the perpetuation of his fraternal swindle, as will presently appear.

The fabulous, "puffed-up" promotional tone of the entire article shows upon its face its true character and real purpose. The statements concerning the interest of "prominent officials"; the unprecedented widespread interest with "as many as 2000 especially prepared men and women" standing in line ready to be initiated into the Order; the issuance of official magazines and other publications; with *over* five hundred *active* workers enlisted to carry on certain definite activities; with temples planned and partly under construction and *large* conventions and congresses to be held before the end of the year 1930—all are ridiculous and improbable in view of the fact that Germany at that time was passing through the depths of depression, and her officials and people were thinking more of feeding starving women and children than of building temples, issuing magazines and reviving the old R. C. Order to give

Lewis authority to carry on his fraternal racket in America. The waiting lists of 2000 for "formal initiation and acceptance into the Order" in certain sections of Germany more accurately describes the bread lines that existed in Germany at that time.

That all of the foregoing article was propaganda with a definite purpose clearly appears from his "follow-up article, published in *The Rosicrucian Digest* for August, 1930, beginning at page 212 and ending on page 215, as follows:

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP OTHERS

Good News for Our Enthusiastic Members Everywhere.

By Frater Royale Thurston, F. R. C.[7]

"I am sure that our enthusiastic members, who are always anxious to aid in the greater and broader work of the Rosicrucian organization, will welcome the following information, which points out a real opportunity to help in many ways.

"Some time ago we announced that the work of the Order in foreign lands was again becoming publicly active, and we explained how our organization here had sent a special legate to Europe *to represent the AMORC of North America in all of its conferences, committee meetings and congresses* (our italics) held in various cities, and to aid in the reorganization work in those countries by offering the assistance of our North American jurisdiction. Wonderful reports have come from this legate, and many expressions of high esteem and gratitude for our unselfish services in this regard have been expressed in various cities and countries of Europe.

"The Supreme Secretary has just returned from his official visit to a number of cities in various countries in Europe, where he attended special committee meetings and conferences, and *further pledged the co-operation and service of Headquarters to modernize their work*

[7] This article was written by Mr. Lewis. Royale Thurston is one of his pen names with which he has performed so much magic and under which he has sent forth waves of promotional propaganda for his fraternal racket. It is an admitted *Pen Name*, about which there is no question.

(our italics) and bring it up to the present-day standard. (!) The disastrous effects of the World War, which caused many of the jurisdictions involved to cease their official activities or modified them to a very insignificant degree, and the periodical inactivity of one or two jurisdictions left the European situation more or less quiet in certain localities, which plans were made for the re-establishment of outer activities once more.

"During these quiet periods many wonderful manuscripts were released from the archives and the secret vaults of the organization in Europe and were translated in preparation for the present cycle, and much official work was accomplished[8] while the thousands of members in each jurisdiction carefully prepared themselves for the great campaign of practical application of the principles. In a psychic and intellectual sense most of the jurisdictions of Europe were more active during the past ten or twelve years than they have been for a long time, but in their outer, material and physical activity, and in the application of their principles to the assisting of those who require instruction and guidance in their search for light, the work was more or less inactive."

Revealing the Scheme

It is remarkable how seriously the Lewises have taken upon themselves the task of "modernizing" the Rosicrucian work in Europe as well as in America. If ultimately they are as successful in "modernizing" the Rosicrucian work—which needs no revision, especially by pseudo-Rosicrucians—as they and their confederates in Belgium and France were in "modernizing" and "reforming" the Ancient and Primitive Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, then the claim that they—that is, AMORC—are perpetuating the teachings of the ancient Rosicrucian Order and the ancient rites of all initiatory orders of the universe will have to be aban-

[8] Throughout his promotional literature Lewis hammers on the constant flow to him of wonderful old manuscripts of Rosicrucian teachings, which he claims, in revised form, constitute the "ancient" teachings of AMORC; whereas, in fact, most of his teachings are copied from books combined with matters supplied by himself and are not Rosicrucian teachings at all.

doned by them, and their fraternal racket will reveal itself in its true light as a fraudulent scheme based upon spurious, modernized teachings and reformed rites of the "Ancient" Rosicrucians and Masons.

Thus in this article the immediate scheme of establishing their connections with the original R. C. Order in Germany and of setting up a fake "International World R. C. Council" reveals itself as we follow through and continue with this "follow-up" article.

International World R. C. Council

The scheme which led to the formation of the alliance with Heinrich Franker, alias *Tartarus, and* Frater *Recnartus*, of Germany, a pseudo-Rosicrucian and Masonic pretender, and the formation of the spurious "Pansophia International R. C. Council" announced later in the year 1930, is revealed in the next two paragraphs of this article, as follows:

> "Our Supreme Secretary became especially interested in the great revival of the work of our organization that is taking place in Germany, Austria and parts of France. Some few years ago we aided the English jurisdiction to enlarge its outer activities, and it has been successfully enlarging those activities to a point where it cannot further increase these activities until all of the other jurisdictions that are passing through a physical change have completed their plans and are ready to work in public unison.
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> "The recent selection of a new International Secretary for the International Rosicrucian Council of the world, who will hold office for a certain number of years, and the appointment of a few additional members to the International Council round out the membership of that Council to the magnificent number of twenty-six International Councilors, representing twenty-six jurisdictions of the organization throughout the world, which are now active and most of which have been active for many years or centuries. A few countries are still in their inactive

> periods in the physical or outer work, such as Japan, Russia and Italy. The recent decision on the part of Mussolini, permitting the Freemasons and Rosicrucians of Italy to hold lodge sessions and to conduct their work again under a national council composed of their own members and officers, will result in a rapid revival of the work in Italy, and we will be glad to offer our assistance at once to that jurisdiction. In Russia and Japan political conditions will probably prevent the outer activities for some little time."

Here we have a reference to the "Pansophia International Rosicrucian Council." The council formed rounds out the membership to "the magnificent number of *twenty-six* International Councilors representing *twenty-six* jurisdictions of the organization throughout the world." If the reader will turn to our Reproduction No. 47B at the end of this part, which is the last page of the pamphlet issued in November, 1930, by Lewis, announcing the alliance with *Pansophia* and the establishment of the "International Headquarters of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Mystic Order Rosae Crucis" at Berlin, Germany,[9] it will be seen that the "Pansophia" Council was composed, according to Lewis, of *twenty-six* jurisdictions, as follows: (1) Germany, (2) Northern France, (3) Southern France, (4) Austria, (5) Great Britain, (6) Canada, (7) Scandinavia, (8) Belgium, (9) Greece, (10) Egypt, (11) India, (12) Gold Coast, West Africa, (13) Nigeria, West Africa, (14) Russia and Northern China, (15) Southern China, (16) Australia, (17) Dutch East Indies, (18) Hawaii, (19) Central America, (20) Chile, (21) Argentine, (22) British Guiana, (23) the Antilles, (24) the Spanish countries of South America, (25) Mexico, (26) North America, including Alaska. Thus it appears that the article reveals the scheme of the formation of the spurious council of "Pansophia." But the actual numbers of "signatures" to that shady pact were two: Heinrich Franker and H. Spencer Lewis, to which Lewis added twenty-four of his own spurious orders existing, in fact or on paper, in the jurisdictions named to bring the Supreme R. C. Council of "Pansophia" of Germany to the "magnificent number of twenty-six."

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[9] See our Reproduction No. 47 of the title page of the pamphlet or announcement.

Changing the Tune

As we now continue with this "follow-up" article, we will note a change in tune—decidedly so. Conditions in Germany and the facts as stated in the previous article were very much overdrawn and misrepresented. This article continues, as follows:

> "In Germany the situation is intensely interesting to us here in America for one excellent reason. The present Imperator or Grand Master General[1] of the Rosicrucian Order for Germany is a direct descendant of the Grand Masters of preceding cycles. True to the tradition of the organization which calls for each succeeding Grand Master General or Imperator to be a son of the preceding one if properly qualified, the authority of the organization in Germany has continued in the same family for many generations, and it is well known in Rosicrucian History that the organization in Germany has an unbroken existence and historical record of activity ever since the revival under the name of Christian Rosenkreutz in 1614.[2] Unlike the situation in America, there is but one organization calling itself the Rosicrucian Order in Germany, for the name is so highly regarded there,[3] and the history of the true organization so well established in an unbroken line for so many centuries, that *no pretenders to Rosicrucian authority have ever ventured to operate a commercial scheme of any kind in that land.* (Our italics.) . . . But it is not only a fact that the present Supreme Lodge of the Order in Germany is one of the central archives for most of the valuable Rosicrucian manuscripts still preserved in Europe, as well as true that this German Su-

[1] This is a title used by the Ancient and Primitive Masons and never used by real Rosicrucians. Later we shall see why Heinrich Franker, founder of the Collegium and Societas Pansophia, a spurious German R. C. Order, used the title of Grand Master General.

[2] This is propaganda in aid of his futile attempt to establish his connection and the connection of his fraternal racket with the original R. C. Order born in Germany about the year 1614.

[3] The reader will be both interested and enlightened by referring to an article on the same subject published in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* March, 1933, issue, p. 60, and quoted later in this chapter.

preme Lodge is the central storehouse of the ancient documents coming down from the original Christian Rosenkreutz period, but it is also a fact that it was out of this jurisdiction that the first colony of Rosicrucian students, masters and workers came to America[4] to establish Rosicrucianism on these shores in 1694. This gives all of us here in America an especial appreciation of the work accomplished in the past by the German jurisdiction, and although our present organization was assisted in its revival by the French jurisdiction, the Rosicrucians of North America can never forget the great work accomplished by the German Rosicrucians who helped to establish so many cultural and educational movements in the first American colonies and contributed so liberally to the establishment of many of America's first important scientific, humanitarian, educational and religious institutions.

"It is for this particular reason that we are anxious now to help the German and Austrian jurisdictions to carry on the great activities which they are planning to carry on and through which the other jurisdictions in Europe will be greatly helped and enabled to co-operate so as to make most of Europe one solid unit in co-operative work.

"I suppose it is needless for us to say that while the spirit of Rosicrucianism is high in Germany and while they possess invaluable manuscripts that, from a commercial point of view, are worth fortunes and while their hearts are filled with enthusiasm and in every way they are anxious to serve humanity and help the world-wide activity of the Rosicrucian Order, they are handicapped by the national financial situation, which makes it impossible for them to do many things that are absolutely necessary within the next twelve months. Many, if not most, of the officers of the organization there have sacrificed their personal fortunes, their large estates and homes and all of their personal interests to maintain the continuity and necessary activity of the organization, while

[4] See pages 84 to 87, *supra,* this volume, where this subject is discussed and Lewis is shown to have disclaimed all connection between that colony and his AMORC.

all of the members have contributed to the utmost of their ability."

An Appeal for Funds

Based upon the foregoing and the following propaganda and misrepresentations, Frater Royale Thurston, F. R. C. [Imperator H. Spencer Lewis, Ph.D.], makes an appeal for funds to carry on his aforesaid scheme. The article concludes as follows:

> "We here at Headquarters are going to aid them in every possible financial way, as well as in the spirit of the work, but I know from the letters received during the past few months, since we first announced the great revival in Germany, that hundreds of our members who appreciate what the German jurisdiction of the Order has accomplished in the past for the rest of Europe or, in fact, for the entire world, as well as for the first colonies of America, are anxious to help the present German jurisdiction with their voluntary donations and financial contributions. When you stop to realize that a single dollar of American money represents a considerable amount to these persons in this country across the ocean, and further realize that with each dollar a great amount of world-wide good can be accomplished by the German organization, I am sure that most of our members will be willing and happy to contribute some small amount to a special fund which we wish to send in monthly amounts to the International Secretary in Europe, to be applied to the German and Austrian jurisdictions. As soon as the German jurisdiction can arrange to do so, it intends to publish a small monthly magazine in the German language, and I am sure that many of our German members here in North America will want to subscribe to that publication. Many other private matters will be published by the German jurisdiction for distribution exclusively among Rosicrucians in various parts of the world, giving them the benefit of valuable manuscripts heretofore held in the archives[5] awaiting the right year for official re-

[5] The manuscripts here referred to were not secret manuscripts of the R. C. Order.

lease. In the meantime, however, these voluntary donations toward a general fund are desirable, and our members can help in this regard by sending their donations of any amount, small or large, from time to time, to us. Acknowledgment of these donations will be properly made, and to all those who send a *donation of $50 a certificate of honorary membership in the German organization* of long and honorable existence will be sent, bearing the signature of the International Secretary and Imperator of the German jurisdiction. But all small donations of a dollar, or even less, will be greatly appreciated and put into the general fund. If our members will send these to us from time to time, beginning as soon as possible after the receipt of this magazine, giving only such amounts as they can easily and freely spare from their own blessings and in no way jeopardizing their present obligations, we will be glad to transmit this money in monthly amounts to the International Secretary and acknowledge each contribution.

"Please note the following: Make your checks or money orders payable to AMORC Funds, or send your cash in small or large amounts in a registered letter, but please address your envelope to Mr. Royale Thurston, and in your letter state that the money is to be placed in the Foreign Donation Fund, so that we will thoroughly understand that the remittance is not for the Cathedral Welfare League, or for the general Welfare Department of our organization or for any other purpose. Now let us see what we can do to show our love, appreciation and true Rosicrucian spirit. The Cosmic must use physical, material channels to obtain the physical, material things of this earth to carry on its physical, material work. The Cosmic cannot create money in the material form, but must use earthly channels for this purpose.

"If you volunteer to make yourself one of these channels to aid the Cosmic, you assure yourself of Cosmic

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In reality he is referring to the unusual collection of old Manuscripts and rare books collected by Heinrich Franker, some of which he published under the title of "Collection Pansophia," as we shall presently show.

benediction and recognition that may serve you well at a time when you need more than anything else the help of the Cosmic."

Money Under False Pretenses

Under the foregoing false representations that the money received would be used to revive or re-establish the original German R. C. Order, which was the original or mother body of the Rosicrucian Fraternity, he solicited and collected funds from his members which he used to establish a plausible, spurious connection with the original order and to set up and fabricate the short-lived bogus International R. C. Council—"Pansophia"—with the assistance of another Masonic-Rosicrucian pretender who founded the Collegium or Societas Pansophia, another spurious R. C. organization.

The honorary membership in the spurious German R. C.—*i.e., Collegium Pansophia*—at fifty dollars each, to bear the signature of the International Secretary and the Imperator (before referred to by Lewis as the Grand Master General) of the German jurisdiction, when taken in connection with other evidence, shows that the newly created German jurisdiction and Lewis' newly fabricated sham International Council were one and the same thing—if not, then two spurious sprouts shooting from the same deceptive and fraudulent root.

At this point and in this connection it will be interesting to divert for a short time from the consideration of Pansophia and the said sham International Council, to consider another daring attempt and cunning hoax of Lewis to establish a connection with the original source of Rosicrucian authority and to make a plausible showing for his fraudulent claim of such authority from the original Rosicrucian Fraternity.

"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3"

A Charter (!) from Original German R. C. (?)

In *The Rosicrucian Digest* for October, 1933, opposite page 256, Mr. Lewis published a *fac-simile* of a rather impressive certificate which he says is his *Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3* and which he alleges to be a *charter issued through the authority origi-*

nally granted by the Venerable Grand Master, Christian Rosenkreutz. A reproduction[6] of this document is printed herein and will be found at the end of this part. It is executed on a lithographed form in Latin script and printed characters. The main part of the certificate is in Danish script. Beneath his reproduction of this certificate and concerning the same he makes a rather remarkable statement, but not at all unusual for a fraternal racketeer whose swindle is based upon false claims and spurious or misrepresented documents. His statement is as follows:

> "The above is a photographic reproduction of one of the most important and interesting *charters* (?) ever issued in foreign countries to any organization in North America. It was issued by the 'Suprenum Consistorium Rosae Crucis' at its Sovereign Sanctuary and Collegium for Germany (?) and parts of Scandinavia. The *charter* (?) is issued through the authority originally granted by the *Venerable Grand Master, Christian Rosenkreutz,* representing the *original German* jurisdiction of the famous Rosenkreutzers. It authorizes H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., of North America, to represent the *original German Foundation* of Rosicrucianism and assures him of the co-operation of all the existing officers of the *true Rosicrucian organization in Germany.* It makes the Rosicrucian Order of North America a *recognized* and *empowered branch* of the *only true* and *original Rosicrucian Order of the World* and carries with it the power and authority through an unbroken line of succession in the Hierarchy of the fraternity.[7] Such a charter has never been issued to any other individual or organization in any part of North America and, therefore, *this charter is absolutely unique and unequaled in authenticity and unquestionable integrity.*" (The italics and inserted question marks are ours.)

In passing it may be noted that in the foregoing statement made

[6] See our Reproduction No. 46 for a *fac-simile* reproduction of the Lewis reproduction of this certificate.

[7] See *Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1930, p. 295, from which we shall later quote substantially the same statement.

in 1933 Mr. Lewis recognizes the *German Foundation* as the original source of Rosicrucian authority, and that by the making of this claim to authority from the original Fraternity—the German Foundation—under this document, which he says is a charter, *he tacitly admits that prior thereto he possessed no Rosicrucian authority* and that all his claims and pretensions to such authority through the French R. C.; through the Egyptian Order, under Pronunziamento F. R. C. No. 987,601";[8] through "The Supreme High Council of the Universe," under the charter of Great White Brotherhood Lodge, his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2,"[9] and through the "Supreme Magnus and Frater Superior of the Ancient Rosicrucian Order for Switzerland and Germany," under the certificate from the O. T. O., his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4,"[10] as well as all other claims made prior thereto, were false. However, this tacit admission is of little or no importance in view of the overwhelming proof presented in this and Volume I of this work, showing that at no time has he possessed *any* Rosicrucian authority from *any* legitimate source.

Not a Charter

Grossly Misrepresented

A charter, as generally understood and as especially understood in fraternal circles, is a document issued by a power or an authority within each order or fraternity to a person or group of persons conferring power and authority to institute and conduct a lodge, body or some type of organization within or in connection with such order or fraternity. Therefore, the Lewis "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3," which he says is "one of the most *important* and *interesting charters," is not a* CHARTER *at all.* Like his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," it is a mere certificate of honorary membership, and it does *not* purport to confer, nor does it confer, any Rosicrucian power or authority. The entire document, its purpose and its purport are grossly misrepresented.

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[8] See our Reproduction No. 64 and the discussion of his early claims to Rosicrucian authority, Chapter V hereof.

[9] See our Reproduction No. 51 and Lewis' claims, p. 136, *supra,* this volume.

[10] See our Reproduction No. 40, Part One of this chapter, and pp. 380 and 381 of Volume I of this work.

Every statement and every inference contained in his foregoing description of the document under consideration is false—*absolutely false.* No extrinsic evidence is required to establish the facts. The document itself shows upon its face, when translated, that all statements he has made and all inferences intended to be made concerning it are willful and gross misrepresentations.

We offer a free translation of said document, omitting at this place the formal Latin heading in the lithographed portion of the certificate and translating only the essential part or the certificate itself in Danish script, as follows:

THE DANISH ROSE AND CROSS ORDERS BROTHERHOOD

Copenhagen—Light! Life! Love!—Denmark

(Great Fraternity of the Rose and Cross, Golden and Strong)

Our Greetings With Three-Pointed Triangle, Rose and Cross

"Under Rose and Cross!

"By this *Certificate* and *Diploma*, the Undersigned, the Rosicrucian Grand Master, Basil Valentinus, as the Supreme Authority for the mentioned Order and Brotherhood, by virtue of its Charter, certifies: This day we have admitted the worthy and very enlightened Brother of the Rose Cross, Spencer Lewis, of San Jose, California, as a Corresponding (Honorary) Brother and faithful Prior Member of our Order's Brotherhood.

Copenhagen, Denmark (Date Deleted)

Under our hand and seal.
(Signed) BASIL VALENTINUS,
Rosicrucian Grand Master.

"Seals of the
Order and Brotherhood."

It is, therefore, obvious that his "Important Rosicrucian document No. 3" is *not* a charter; that it is *not* important at all; that it confers *no* Rosicrucian authority on H. Spencer Lewis from the "original German Foundation" or otherwise; that it does *not* make the Rosicrucian Order (AMORC) of North America "a recog-

nized and empowered branch of the only true and original Rosicrucian Order of the world," and it is *not* a charter that *"is absolutely unique and unequaled in authenticity and unquestionable integrity."* The only thing *unique* and *unequaled* about the certificate and the whole affair is Lewis' daring and brazen, false representations concerning this certificate and his bold attempt to deceive—indeed, it is his audacity—not the "charter"—that is unique and unequaled! Never before in the history of cunning frauds and fraternal swindles has any fraternal racketeer, promoter of fraudulent Masonic or Rosicrucian Orders or mystic swindler been so daringly audacious nor so brazenly bold. Compared with Harvey Spencer Lewis, "Most Perfect Master Profundis" of fraternal swindles, Pandolfo, Ponzi, Horatio Bottomley, M. P., the notorious English swindler, and Matthew McBlair Thomson, the notorious American Masonic swindler,[11] were all mere pikers and novices at the game of making unequaled false representations and creating unique fraudulent devices for swindling in a big, bold way.

Unequaled in Authenticity

Mr. Lewis claims the Danish Rose Cross Order which issued to him this certificate of honorary membership is a Sovereign Sanctuary[1] and Collegium for Germany and parts of Scandinavia, representing the original German Foundation with power and authority through an unbroken line of succession in the Hierarchy of the fraternity, and that the certificate which he falsely represents to be a charter is unequaled in authenticity and of unquestionable integrity.

Well, despite what Mr. Lewis says about it, the certificate was issued in Denmark, not in Germany, and by a Danish order. Lewis has created many spurious AMORC organizations in Europe and abroad—many of them purely fictitious, mere paper organizations, but a few of them were actually organized and functioned—to give plausible appearance to his claims of the world-wide activities of his spurious AMORC and to create the membership for his fic-

[11] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 3. Read the entire book and compare with Lewis' daring exploits in fraternal racketeering and Masonic-R. C. swindling.

[1] "Sovereign Sanctuary" is the title of a Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient Primitive Masons. Rosicrucian Grand Lodges or Supreme Grand Lodges have never been so designated. The title is distinctively Masonic, *not* Rosicrucian.

titious and bogus International R. C. Councils and World Congresses.

He has created under his own spurious Rosicrucian authority AMORC organizations which actually functioned with a few members in England, Canada, France, Switzerland, Belgium, Denmark and perhaps in a few other countries. These constituted his Fake International Rosicrucian Council.[2]

Let us look at the record as made by Lewis in the case of *AMORC vs. George L. Smith* and see what we can find out about the Danish Order that issued this certificate of honorary membership to "the very worthy and very enlightened Brother of the Rose Cross, Spencer Lewis, of San Jose, California."

In the above-mentioned case Mr. Lewis attempted to prove that there is or was an International R. C. Council to which his AMORC belongs, and of which he is a member, by the introduction into evidence of about a dozen letters which he testified that he had received from members of the International R. C. Council. Of course, they did not prove the existence of such a council. They were not read to the court, merely introduced into evidence. When the case was decided in the trial court he withdrew them, and when the record was made up by the clerk he refused to reproduce them to go into the record on appeal, because he knew they were mere subterfuges and would not bear close scrutiny. After much delay caused by Lewis' refusal to produce the original letters,[3] the record on appeal was made on proof of copies and certified to by the trial judge.

We shall quote his testimony and the letter he introduced (Plaintiff's Exhibit 8) relating to the Danish R. C. Order, because it has direct bearing upon the subject matter we are considering and upon Lewis' Danish certificate of honorary membership.

In response to questions asked by his attorney in the above-mentioned case, Mr. Lewis testified as follows:

> "Q. I will ask you if you recognize that document. Tell us what that is.
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> "A. That is a letter from the member of the Interna-

[2] See our Reproduction No. 47B at the end of this part.

[3] See Chapter I hereof and p. 70, *supra*, this volume.

tional Rosae Crucis Council in Denmark.

"Q. And is there a jurisdiction, Rosae Crucis jurisdiction, in Denmark?

"A. Yes.

"Q. Recognized by the same International Council?

"A. Yes.

"Q. Is this the envelope in which it was received?

"A. Yes.

"By Mr. Aram: We offer this in evidence, your Honor. (Marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 8.)[4]

Plaintiff's Exhibit 8, the letter, identified by Mr. Lewis and introduced into evidence, is as follows:

LIGHT! LIFE! CHARITY!

Copenhagen O, th: 21/6 1931
Njerringgade 33, Denmark

"To the President and Imperator of the Rosicrucian Society and Order:
"AMORC:
"Valley of North America, AMORC Temple, Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California, U. S. A.
"From the secret and closed Sanctuary of:
M.·.S.·.R.·.C.·.A.·. & V.·.O.·.E.·.S.·.
Ordo Aures & Rosae-Crucis, og [of] Kabalistic Order: of the Rose Croix.
"Headquarter: Hgerringgade 33,0.
"Copenhagen, Denmark."

Note These Letters Carefully Compare With Lewis' Danish Certificate.

From the foregoing letterhead, upon which the following letter is written, it appears that the Danish order which issued the Lewis certificate of honorary membership is not an order of the original German Foundation of the Rosy Cross, but a Kabbalistic Order of the Rose Croix. Note the secret identification letters: M.·.S.·.R.·.C.·.A.·.&V.·.O.·.E.·.S.·. on the letterhead. These same secret identification letters appear on the certificate of honorary membership[5] (upper central portion) of that awful "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3." Compare carefully and you will conclude

[4] *AMORC vs. George L. Smith, Transcript,* p. 400.

[5] See our Reproduction No. 43. Compare it carefully with this letterhead.

that the "Important" certificate was not issued by a regular R. C. Order, and the reading of the letter will confirm your conclusion.

ANOTHER TELL-TALE LETTER

From AMORC *vs. Smith*[6]

"Most dear Grand-Master & Frater & Fellow in Spirit Spencer Lewis!

Our Italics.
Note: Dr. Andersen and "Dr." Lewis Established the R. C. Organization in Denmark.

He Knows True Rosicrucianism Is Not Found in Great Lodges.

Old Martinist and Mason.

Only Interested in Real Occultism and True Rosicrucianism.

French Schools.

"It was surely to me a surprise and a pleasure: on once in my life to get a letter from a old boy of old days, like myself, which I very much good have knowed pr distance, and through a *doubtful Dr. Mr. Kay Andersen, years ago, here, and which then have been Your co-operative fellow, in the youth of the Rosicrucianism here in Denmark.* Then—*in the start of the lodge here,* I was very interested in *Your Rosicrucianism,* but causa: thath the lodge not could tell me, a old Esotericien, on my many questions, and causa troubles in the lodge, I and more brethren tyled ourself. Now I knows as an old Rosicrucian Frater and Friar: thath *true Rosicrucianism is not to find in a great lodge or Order, only in: a minor Fraternitas,* and thence: I am no more interested in great Orders & Societies, and no more I am fascinated by the *many Seals and more. Grand College of Rites!* Yes, as Grand-Commander & Grand National masonic Master I represented also here: a College of Rites, but . . . ! Also I am old *Martinist,* yes I am old General Dologue & Provincial pro Denmark, gnostic Primas, and Provincial of mere masonic Rites pro Denmark, but all this: I have for the most part: tyled. Only a english fraction of Rosicrucianism, and the very old german: Ordo Aurea & Rosae Crucis, and the french: Order cabbalistique de la Rose Croix, the continuation of Ordre Martiniste, created by the Marquis Stanislas de Guaita, I represent and workes in for the time, in a minor secret and closed faternitas lodge here. Further I am old Occultist (in origin: learned in the *first french schools of occultistes* (Papus, Sedir, Stanislas de Guaita and more, all: eminent

[6] See Chapter I, p. 63, *supra,* this volume.

Jean Bricaud.

Teder Jean Bricaud, names years age), Astrolog, Alchemiste, Rosicrucian, Gnostic, and judaic Cabbaliste. Now: only Rosicrucian, Astrolog, Alchemist and high learned semitic Cabbaliste.

"Yes, many titles, charges and patents I have (but only: few penni in the purse.) I knows very well: the Master-Frater in the: Gomerc Rosicrucian lodge here: Peter Erichsen, as he has been my disciple or pupil in his first esoteric school. The name of the mother of the lodge; Mrs. Charlie Andersen[7] (And Commander Andersen) I also remember, but I, as also the most men her cannot sympathize with this woman, causa her caracter. *Interest for Rosicrucianism has only few people here,* and the AMERICAN BUSINESS IN ESOTERIC SCHOOL-SYSTEMS IS FRIGHTENED, and only real trained and learned men is here respected. Enclosed you will find a Horoscope & as I have made Years ago, Your Horoscope and which tell me the caracter and more of a *little corpulent man in a certain age.* [Here he discusses the horoscopes of Lewis and himself, of no particular interest in this connection.] With this I will close, and I send You now a Heartly *Martinist-Masonic* and Rosicrucian greeting!

Gomerc Lodge Lewis' AMORC of Denmark.

Our Emphasis. Lewis' Fraternal Business and R. C. Racket Frightens.

Rite of M. and M. Mason.

"With highly respect Your truly Frater C. W. Hansen-Kadosh 33, 90, & 90 3201 P. C. F. R. C. Grand.

"Enclosed: 2 Horoscopes.

"I wait seenly to hear more from You!

"C. W. HANSEN-KADOSH."[8]

The Story the Letter Tells

Well, you cannot blame Lewis for not wanting this letter to be made a matter of public record. It was all right to swear that it was written by a member of his faked International Council, to go through the formal motion of introducing it into evidence, unread,

[7] In *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1933, p. 120, and in many *Digests* prior and subsequent thereto, this same lady, Carli Andersen, S. R. C., is listed as the Grand Secretary of the AMORC Grand Lodge of Denmark, with address at Manogade 13th, Strand, Copenhagen, Denmark.

[8] *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith, Transcript,* pp. 685 to 689.

and promptly withdrawing it, but when it came to making it a matter of public record that was where the boot began to pinch. The reason is apparent.[9]

This letter, although in poor English, is written by a real occultist, without pretensions. It tells the same general story of Lewis' strange operations and fraudulent scheming in Europe to give his fraternal racket the appearance of world-wide institution and to give plausibility to the existence of his non-existent International Councils and World Congresses. As usual, we find him mixing with Masons and mixing up their Masonry. He tells us that Lewis and a doubtful Dr. Kay Andersen founded an AMORC organization in the *youth of Rosicrucianism* in Denmark; that at first he was interested in Lewis' spurious brand of Rosicrucianism, but, being an old occultist, he soon found that there was nothing to it; that very few are interested in Rosicrucianism in his country; that Lewis' business methods in connection with his Danish R. C. Order and racketeering in fraternalism have frightened his countrymen and that only trained and learned occultists are respected in Denmark. Apparently he knows about Lewis' great love for high-sounding titles, many seals, great orders and grand colleges of rites. However, he tells him that he is no longer interested in the outward glamorous show of such things and, being an occultist of the First French School of Papus, Teder and Bricaud, he is now interested only in Martinism, the French Kabbalistic Order of the Rose Croix and the very old German and English branches of the Golden and Rosy Cross. From Lewis' Horoscope, which he enclosed, he finds that he will be a "little corpulent man at a certain age."

The reader will find much more in this letter. But where is the proof in this letter that the writer thereof was a member of the Lewis International Council? If he found the Lewis-Andersen

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[9] Mr. Lewis and his son Ralph carry this letter and the other letters introduced in evidence in the above-mentioned case around with them on their lecture tours in a "specially prepared portfolio" and exhibit them to their audiences as proving the world-wide scope of AMORC and the existence of an International Council, AMORC. They prove nothing of the kind. They only prove trickery and chicanery. They are "specially prepared" devices of fraud. If space permitted, we would republish all of them in this volume and show their true nature and design. If occasion demands, we may publish them at a future day with other data, not contained herein, that we have collected relating to his bogus "International R. C. Councils."

AMORC lodge to be *devoid* of real occultism, do you suppose he would have served on a bogus International Council? And do you suppose that Lewis fooled the writer of this letter into issuing his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3" or was it issued by his good friends, the Andersens, of his AMORC Grand Lodge of Denmark? Well, it matters not—is of no great moment. After all, it is an unimportant document. It is *only a certificate* of honorary membership. The only important thing about it is that it has been grossly misrepresented and used as a fraudulent device.

The German R. C. Pansophia

Let us return to the consideration of Pansophia, the International Headquarters of the Supreme Council of AMORC, Berlin, Germany, and the various things and matters that came forth from that spurious source.

Mr. Lewis, in his wide travels in search of an "eminent authority" for his fraternal racket, through his intimate contacts and scheming with charlatans, pretenders and notorious international fraternal and mystic mountebanks, came in contact with one *Heinrich Franker* in Germany, another Masonic-Rosicrucian pretender, and formed an alliance with him which resulted in the formation of the International Headquarters of the Supreme Council of AMORC in Berlin, Germany, in 1930.

Heinrich Franker is almost illiterate, with only meager rudimentary education. However, he had an unusual love for old books and ancient manuscripts—a love shared by his co-pseudo-occultist friend, Lewis. He succeeded in collecting more than 30,000 volumes of rare books and old manuscripts—mostly Masonic—of great value. He knew nothing of the contents of these rare books and manuscripts so rich in mystic and occult lore, but he could give the dates and the titles of each from memory. About 1920 or 1921 he bought a small printing shop at Leipzig and reprinted a few of these old books under the title of "Collection Pansophia" and organized a spurious so-called R. C. Order under the name of "The Collegium Pansophicum" or "Pansophia." At that time he and his wife constituted the whole collegium. By the illegitimate use of his old Masonic manuscripts he secured a few followers in Europe and America, but his spurious R. C. Order attained no such

following and achieved no such financial success as the spurious R. C. Order of his erstwhile friend in America.

In 1925 he invited Aleister Crowley, then in Tunis, Africa, to visit him in Germany. The two promptly quarreled and Crowley brought several lawsuits against him because of the unlawful republication of his (Crowley's) books. Franker lost all of these suits and was forced to sell his printing shop and most of his library to pay the judgments and expenses of litigation. However, he saved a few of the rare and most valuable books and the Masonic manuscripts. He then took refuge in Berlin. There he published the "Pansophia Review," the contents of which were somewhat childish, and it was viewed with universal derision by all real occult students.

He separated from his wife—the other half of his Collegium Pansophia—and took unto himself a young mistress, by whom he had two children. His abandoned wife denounced him as a false Rosicrucian—a pretender to Masonry—and exposed him as practicing detestable sexual perversities. The police interfered and the affair became scandalous and notorious.

Purchased Masonic Charter

In 1924 Theodor Reuss-Willsson died; he was the First Head, Caput Ordinis and Secret Chief of the O. T. O. organized under Masonic charter of the Ancient Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim issued to Reuss and his successor by John Yarker in 1902, Sovereign Grand Master General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Great Britain and Ireland. The widow of Reuss offered this charter for sale for one thousand Swiss francs. To be sure, it was worthless, except to the rightful successor of Reuss as the head of the O. T. O. Several occultists and Masons were approached, but looked upon the offer with contempt. Charters cannot be bartered and transferred in that manner. But Franker, having no ethical fraternal scruples or compunction of conscience, purchased the John Yarker-Theodor Reuss charter; and although he was *not a Mason* nor a member of the O. T. O., he assumed, without any right whatever, the titles of 33rd, 90th and 96th degrees of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and the X degree, *Caput Ordinis,* of the O. T. O., formerly used by Theodor Reuss. It is quite prob-

able that the purchase of this charter entered into the quarrel with Crowley, who was the rightful successor of Theodor Reuss as the Outer Head and Secret Chief of the O. T. O.

The Collegium Pansophia was such a vast joke that no real student of the occult sciences gave it a serious thought, and all real occultists and serious mystics laughed at Heinrich Franker—he had made himself so ridiculous. It was Theodor Reuss, in ridiculing and poking fun at him, who gave him the name of *Recnartus*, which he uses most, although he sometimes uses the name *Tartarus*. The name "Recnartus" means "Fox," which Reuss fully understood and intended to make the application.

European scholars of the occult sciences and men of high fraternal standing all report Heinrich Franker, alias *Tartarus*, alias RECNARTUS, to be a vain, underhanded, unscrupulous pretender, but with sufficient cunning to deceive and secure a few followers whom he has exploited. When *Recnartus* and the Most Perfect Master *Profundis* met they saw each other coming; they dealt with each other at arm's length, each with his own idea of advantage in mental reserve. They formed the International Headquarters of the Supreme Council of AMORC at Berlin, which was composed of the *Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis* (AMORC) and the *Brotherhood of the Rose Cross*, one and the same, being Lewis' fraudulent R. C. Order; the *Fraternitatis Hermetica Lucis* and the *Ordo Templi Orientis,* one and the same,[1] under the purchased Masonic charter of the O. T. O.; and the *Collegium Pansophia* and *Societas Pansophia*, one and the same, being Franker's bogus "original" German R. C. Collegium. And they also drew up and composed a "*Second* FAMA," which they agreed would be *"the Second official Fama"* issued by the original Fraternity Rosae Crucis since the Seventeenth Century.[2]

Recnartus vs. Profundis

It was a racketeer's game, being played by two cunning masters of unscrupulous deception. *Profundis,* being the more cunning and the most skillful, left *Recnartus* holding the bag. Lewis departed

[1] See Part Five of this chapter, also our Reproduction No. 40, *supra.*

[2] See our Reproduction No. 47 at end of this part.

with some of Franker's manuscripts, the "Second Fama," sealed with a Masonic Cross (such as Crowley uses with his signature of Baphomet[3]), and under the signature of "Fra Recnartus 33°, 90°, 96°, X° in the Bounds of the Order,[4] etc.," and with a "Charter" from the original German Rosicrucian Order known as the "Rosen Kreuzer,"[5] issued by a "lineal descendant and blood relative of the original Christian Rosenkreutz." Well, to make a long story short, Lewis, the *Most Perfect Master Profundis,* outwitted Franker, *Brother Recnartus—the Fox;* exploited his spurious Collegium Pansophia unscrupulously, then denounced the *Societas Pansophia* as being no part of the R. C. Order[6] and banished Brother *Recnartus* into oblivion from which he should never emerge. And though he may not have the power of resurrection and may not save himself, he may still possess sufficient "drawing power" to pull *Profundis* into the grave of oblivion—into the grave that the crafty *Profundis* dug for the foxy *Recnartus.*

The "Pansophia" Scheme Revealed

It remains to be seen how Lewis used, or attempted to use, and exploited "the *most* important documents" sent to him "by the Imperator and Supreme Council in Germany" and also the exclusive, unprecedented and unimpeachable authority from the original Rose Cross in Germany granted to him by a blood relative and direct lineal descendant of the original "Rosen Kreuzers" through the novel process of "blood transfusion," and the *Second Fama* signed and sealed *Recnartus.*

As usual, we can discern and perceive the entire scheme of exploitation from the statements and publications of the Lewises. They had much to say in their publications about these matters during the years 1930 and 1931. However, a few quotations from articles published by them will be sufficient to tell the story of their daring, insolent, imprudent and unsuccessful attempt to exploit and "put across" the pernicious and depraved scheme and foul, fraudu-

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[3] See our Reproductions Nos. 30 and 31, Volume I, pp. 362 and 363.

[4] See our Reproduction No. 47A at end of this part.

[5] See statements of the Lewises in *Rosicrucian Digests,* September, 1930, p. 34, and November, 1930, p. 295, to be presently quoted and discussed.

[6] See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, p. 92. We shall presently quote this statement of Lewis, denouncing and repudiating the "Pansophia."

lent device "made in Germany" with the aid of *Recnartus*—the fox.

In July, 1930, they held a convention in San Jose, California, composed of a few of their local members and representatives of their lodges in the United States, which they called an International Convention, at which time Lewis, in a glowing account, told his credulous, deceived and deluded members then and there assembled of the great things they had accomplished in Germany; showed the "documents and records which proved (?) that AMORC throughout the world is one solid, universal organization"; revealed to them the wonderful (yet wholly improbable) thing that had happened to him in Germany and assured them, with the assurance of one who knows or boldly pretends to know, that they need entertain no further doubts as to the Rosicrucian authority of AMORC or as to his Rosicrucian authority, because of his indirect relationship[7] to "C. R.-C." and his recent blood transfusion from a direct lineal descendant of Frater "Christian Rosenkreutz"—all because the original Rosicrucian German's blood now courses through his Welsh veins!

The proceedings of this "International Convention" were publicly reported in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1930,[8] by "The Convention Secretary," which may have been Lewis or his son, from which we quote as follows:

After Fifteen Years, Still Seeking "Sponsorship." A Typical Badge

> "Among the highlights of important matters that were settled by the Convention are the following: First, the presentation of documents and records showing that the AMORC throughout the world is one solid, universal organization without any divisions other than geographical ones. These documents and papers proved the long existence of many of the foreign jurisdictions,[9] authorized the *sponsorship* and universal *recognition* of the American jurisdiction and warranted the exclusion of other Rosi-

[7] Lewis claims to be a Welshman, not Dutchman. See his autobiography, *Rosicrucian Manual* (1934), p. 129. But, judging by his recent denunciation of the author whom he referred to as a German and a Dutch farmer-printer, one would not believe that he esteemed very highly his Rosenkreutz blood.

[8] Pp. 224 to 227, both inclusive.

[9] These foreign jurisdictions are spurious organizations, fictitious or real, created by Lewis, and all of them are younger than his own spurious organization.

of Fraud.
Our Italics.

crucian movements in America which claimed to have been a part of the ancient organization, but have absolutely no foundation for their claims whatsoever."[1]

"Sponsorship" and "Recognition"

At this point and in this immediate connection may we point out and *emphasize* that Lewis launched his fabricated, spurious R. C. Order in 1915 under the alleged "Sponsorship" of a mythical R. C. Order in France, as we shall show in the following chapter? Since then he has had his "documents, papers, charters, jewels, seals, authority and authenticity" examined and re-examined and approved and reapproved by numerous committees, councils and conventions. Each year he has been gathering in more and more "important" documents, marvelous charters, unique papers and proof (?) of authority from sources divergent and wide, too numerous to mention, and has had them examined and approved by voluntary committees and unanimous conventions—over and over, again and again—and has exhibited them to countless audiences and laid them on "the table" all over this fair land,[2] which should be sufficient proof, *if* his claims were provable. Yet, in 1930, after fifteen years of strenuous efforts to prove with countless papers, manifestoes, pronunciamentoes, charters, documents, deceit, devices, stratagems and every possible method—except the right way and correct method—we find him still having his convention *settle* that *unsettled* question.

Badges of Fraud

Since 1915, even unto this day, he has been constantly feeding his members and the public on this type of viciously false propaganda, and with it, as one of several fraudulent devices, he has swindled thousands of our citizens.

Now, it must be reasonably plain to any thoughtful person with an elementary knowledge of fraternal affairs generally that Lewis

[1] Thomson, to promote and perpetuate his notorious Masonic Fraud, made the same type of claims with reference to Regular Masonry in America.

[2] See *The Rosicrucian Forum,* April, 1933, pp. 133-134.

needed but *one charter—just one*—ONLY ONE CHARTER or a warrant of authority from *one* authentic Rosicrucian Power to establish a Rose Cross Order in America, provided, *of course,* that the territory was not occupied by an existing Rose Cross Order—which was and is the case.

And it must also be doubly clear that he does not possess a charter or warrant of authority for any authentic Rosicrucian body; that he is without Rosicrucian authority; that AMORC is not an authentic R. C. Order, and that his scheme is a swindle, pure and simple.

And it should be obvious even to a man up a tree with the wool pulled over his eyes that this eternal palavering and so much idle talk about *so many* important documents conferring such superior powers and authority—from *so many* sources that need to be examined and pronounced authentic *so many* times—are grave grounds for serious suspicion and so many *Badges of Fraud* labeling it the worst fraternal racket and biggest fraud that has ever been permitted in these United States for twenty-one long years to carry on its swindling enterprise through the public press, the best magazines and with the misguided aid of some of our best publishers and publications.

Scheme Fully Proven

However, the proof of his scheme is overwhelming. Let us continue with the report of the Lewistonian convention and consider one of the most ridiculous and utterly stupid claims that was ever made or ever will be made by any pseudo-Rosicrucian pretender or fraternal mountebank, as follows:

Was It a Charter from *Recnartus*?

A New "Ancient" R. C. Landmark—Keeping It All in the Family.

"The most important of the documents in this regard was one sent here for this Convention by the Imperator and Supreme Council of the Order in Germany. The Rosicrucian Order there, known as the Rosen Kreuzer, has an unbroken existence for many centuries, for it *has adhered to the ancient principles of the Order whereby each Supreme Grand Master is succeeded by one of his sons*[3] or a

[3] This is part of the scheme of the Lewises, in the process of execution about that time, to make a family racket out of AMORC. See Chapter VI this volume.

brother of his blood. In some countries where such succession has been made impossible because the Grand Masters had no offspring or relatives the *lineal descent through blood relationship* has been *maintained by the transfusion of blood* from the body of the existing Grand Master to the new and succeeding officers before the transition of the former. In every case where an Imperator has been appointed for a new Jurisdiction, after a period of inactivity where there were no direct descendants in the interval, the *new Imperator has always been selected from among those persons who were the nearest relatives to the last Grand Master.* Such selected person journeyed abroad and in a high council meeting, in the presence of the other Masters, was acclaimed as the nearest in direct line; and later the blood of the highest Master in direct line was transfused into his body to give him the actual blood relationship to the direct line. *Thus, in all of the active jurisdictions today the highest officer has received through transfusion the blood of C. R.-C.* and is a direct successor to this eminent character whose original identity is so carefully concealed. The C. R.-C. of Germany who became so well known in the seventeenth century was one of those descendants of the original C. R.-C., and IT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS TO KNOW THAT OUR IMPERATOR HERE IN NORTH AMERICA HAS ALSO RECEIVED THE TRANSFUSION OF DIRECT BLOOD BECAUSE OF HIS ACTUAL RELATIONSHIP, INDIRECTLY, TO RELATIVES OF THE ORIGINAL ROSEN KREUZERS OF ANCIENT TIMES. The German document sent here was not only signed and sealed by the head of the organization in Germany, but *countersigned and sealed* by the *highest officers of the German Government,* and is an *indisputable document* and finally countersigned and sealed by the American Consul General in Berlin." (Our italics and capital emphasis.)

Wisdom Imparted by Transfusion of Blood.

A Stupendous, Extravagant Buffoonery—Preposterous! Ridiculous!

Utterly False! No Record of Any Such Manufactured "Relationship" in the History of the Fraternity. Lewis' "Authority" by Way of Blood Transfusion from *Recnartus*?

Sealed and Countersigned.

Bombastic Inflated Ignorance

The fraternal enterprise of Lewis & Son began to succeed in a

substantial way in 1928. It was then that they saw visions of Gold, Power and Luxury. When those visions take command of the imaginations of otherwise cautious and cunning fraternal racketeers, pretenders and charlatans, the baser parts of their avaricious natures and greed for gold and the hunger of their expansive egos for temporal Power and worldly Glory cause them to scheme to take unto themselves all the Gold, Power and Glory, to forget brotherly love and fraternalism, to abandon caution and to throw discretion to the wind. That is what happened to the Lewises during and between the years 1928 and 1930. They schemed and attempted to execute their scheme to make their fraternal enterprise a Family Racket and to place it within the complete control and under the domination of the Lewis family even unto succeeding generations, as we shall see in Chapter VI, to follow.

In their scheme to perpetuate their mercenary "Rose Cross" business as a family institution they encountered two major problems. First: the serious question of their Rosicrucian authority. They knew that they had no authority; that all their many "charters," "manifestoes" and "papers" were worthless; that their International Councils were without substance, and that they faced the constant danger of being exposed and left without any plausible proof of authority whatever. Accordingly in their cunning scheming they determined to set up a source of authority so strangely unusual, so bafflingly intricate and so intriguingly mysterious, not dependent upon parchment certificates, waxen or golden seals or visible International Councils or otherwise, so that no one could trace or deny the "indisputable" source of their "incontestable" authority. Second: the serious objections that the members would have to their making a family affair and a family business out of a "supposed-to-be" fraternal Rosicrucian Order, with all succession in office and control running to son Ralph or with the Lewis blood. Accordingly, they schemed to make their shady enterprise and spurious R. C. Order an imperialistic kingdom within the mystic realms of brotherly love and an all-powerful, monopolistic empire within the occult world of fraternalism, with succession by divine or *mystic* right from father to son and within the Royal Family of

the Lewis Hierarchy.

Ancient Authority by Inoculation
Through Modern Blood Transfusion

As the result of their profound scheming, in total ignorance of Rosicrucian ideals, principles, practices and landmarks, they announce the utterly ridiculous, absolutely preposterous, unheard-of and wholly fallacious doctrine of Rosicrucian authority through blood or by blood transfusion and the succession of Supreme Grand Masters from father to son or to brother of the blood—natural or by transfusion.

And then, after telling the strange, fictitious and "phoney" story of how new Imperators and the highest officers of all active jurisdictions of today journeyed abroad and in a "high council meeting," presumably in Germany, having had transfused into their bodies the "actual" blood of the highest Master, presumably *Recnartus*, of "actual blood relationship to the direct line" of the original Christian Rosenkreutz, the mythical father and founder of the Rosicrucian Fraternity, so as to get the full benefits of their marvelous chicanery and fallacious Rosicrucian doctrines, they announced that "Our Imperator here in North America has *also* received the transfusion of direct blood because of his actual relationship, *indirectly* (very indirectly) to relatives of the original Rosen Kreuzers of ancient times." As if there were more than one Christian Rosenkreutz and as if the original Father Christian Rosenkreutz was an actual person, instead of a mythical, fictitious character used by Johann Valentin Andreæ, Founder of the *Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis* and author of the *Fama Fraternitatis* and *Chymical Marriage of Christian Rosenkreutz!*

Betrayed by Ignorance

In their haste to perpetuate their profitable, fraudulent R. C. enterprise as a family racket and to establish their spurious Rosicrucian authority by an entirely new, novel and fantastic method they betrayed themselves by their ignorance of Rosicrucian fundamentals and, for that matter, of simple, elementary and basic conceptions of fraternalism.

Rosicrucian authority to found an Order of the Fraternity in unoccupied territory is never conferred and has never been conferred upon any person because he was a blood relative of a Rosicrucian Grand Master, and succession of the Grand Mastership in orders established has never been and is not now by blood from father to son or to a brother of the blood. The August Fraternity of the Rosicrucians is not now and never has been a family affair of any man's family. It is not now nor has it ever been a wealth-garnering, power-accumulating, ego-satisfying or worldly "show-off" contrivance for the material luxurious support and self-glorification of any man, his son or their families. It is not a self-constituted aristocracy of imperialistic royal families, of exclusive "blue bloods" with the Royal Revenues[4] provided by their gullible victims. And, most of all, this August Fraternity, which has long existed as a praiseworthy institution among men held in high esteem by all who know its true worth and honored by the association and membership of some of the most distinguished men of highest character of all times, of all nations of the earth, is not a free-booting band of fraternal racketeers, trafficking in brotherly love and profiting by the debauchery of the highest ideals and noblest aspirations of mankind.

The Order of the Rosy Cross

It is, as we have repeatedly pointed out,[5] an unselfish, patriotic, charitable, profoundly religious, yet non-sectarian, and Holy Order, composed of Rosicrucian initiates adhering to the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and encouraging the brotherhood of man with peace on earth and good will to men. It has to do with the uplift and regeneration of the race,[6] the development of man in body, mind and soul and the inculcation of the highest ideas of unselfish and useful service to all mankind in all the avenues of every-

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[4] See Section 3 of Article IX of the Constitution of AMORC, 1934, which provides for the Royal Revenues of the Lewis family.

[5] See *The Rosicrucians, Their Teachings; The Fraternitatis Rosae Crucis,* Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Penna.; *The Temple of the Rosy Cross,* by Dowd; *Evolution of Immortality,* by Rosicruciae (Dowd); *Ravalette—the Rosicrucian Story,* by Dr. P. B. Randolph. See Volume I, pp. 225 *et seq.* and other authentic Rosicrucian literature.

[6] See *Race Regeneration,* by Clymer, Philosophical Publishing Co., Quakertown, Penna.

day life. Its philosophy is practical, dealing in a common-sense way with the realities of everyday life in the material and temporal environment of the soul residing in a physical body. It does not condemn the possession of gold; it recognizes its value as a useful medium of exchange and as a symbol of service. It does not frown upon the acquisition of material things or the accumulation of power, wealth and those things that go to make a well-rounded, happy and useful existence upon this planet, but it does instruct in the proper use and against the abuse of all things and the dissipation and harmful use of power. It points to the true Standard of Values and teaches the relative values of the temporal and spiritual, the fleeting and the everlasting and the eternal fitness of all things. It knows that nothing that exists can be destroyed and teaches its neophytes how to transmute the bad into the good, the gross into the noble and the base metals into the philosophical gold of the alchemist of old. Under the system of training, its neophytes develop self-control, equilibrium of the emotions, mind power, will power and the peace that surpasses ordinary understanding. Through the proper application of the law of love and spiritual experiences they realize their immortality and develop the highest faculties of the soul or the *gnosis*, which is initiation and the attainment of mastership.

It makes no distinctions between sex, race, creed, blood, family or previous conditions. All sincere seekers are welcome, and none who are worthy are denied. In the authentic fraternity of the Golden and Rosy Cross, as founded by our mythical Father, *"Christian Rosenkreutz,"* the humblest neophyte may become the most distinguished and exalted Supreme Grand Master—and his name need not be Lewis; he need not be of royal lineage nor have the transfused blood of a *Recnartus* coursing through his veins.

Supreme Grand Masters

How Made and Selected

No one has *become* a Rosicrucian and consequently a Rosicrucian Master because of his family, blood, social standing, wealth, worldly attainments, scholarly achievements or through any of the extrinsic things of life. One *becomes* a Rosicrucian by treading the Path, living the Life and performing the Great Work. It is in

this way and in this way only that one may achieve illumination and attain unto the *Wisdom*. These cannot be conferred upon anyone, and wisdom and spiritual illumination cannot be bought or sold nor conferred as a favor or bestowed as a blessing upon any favored person. Indeed, the Rosicrucians are not respecters of persons; they could not be if they so desired. *Becoming* a Rosicrucian is at best a slow process of achievement. The attainment unto Wisdom and Mastership by the opening up of new states of consciousness and inner spiritual experiences may require many years—a lifetime. It may be likened to the acquirement of a classical and scholarly education through the preparatory school, the college and the university, except that such a course of study deals with a different class of subjects and develops knowledge and the faculties of the mind, whereas the spiritual teachings and training of the Rosicrucians deal with the occult sciences, develop Wisdom and the higher, all-inclusive faculties of the Soul. It must, therefore, be perfectly apparent to all that men *become* Rosicrucian Masters only under proper training and guidance by their own efforts; that they earn the right to serve and guide others, and that the experience gained by traveling the Path and performing the Great Work which attaineth unto the Wisdom which is Mastership cannot be conferred upon or granted to anyone as a special favor or kingly act.

To Whom Authority Is Granted
And Why Granted

A Grand Master is appointed by the Grand Master of another jurisdiction and given a warrant of authority or he has the right to institute and establish the Order in unoccupied territory *because he is a Rosicrucian Master;* because he has tread the *Path*, performed the *Great Work* and attained unto Wisdom and because he is duly prepared and fully qualified to properly carry on the work, to teach the doctrine, to assist and guide others on the Path and to serve and sacrifice as only a Rosicrucian Master must serve and sacrifice for the good of the Order and the well-being of mankind.

The Rosy Cross, an inner school of Spiritual training and Esoteric teachings, may inculcate some of its general teachings in classes and with graded lessons, but the inner and secret training imparted and given to its neophytes must of necessity be *individ-*

ual, because each neophyte is at a different stage of development, and no two individuals develop at the same rate or in the same way, hence each neophyte is under the personal direction of the Supreme Grand Master or a Master teacher under his personal direction. The neophyte reports to the Grand Master directly or through his teacher, hence no one, save the Supreme Grand Master alone, knows the exact stage of development achieved by each student, neophyte and initiate of the Order and Brotherhood. It is for this reason, this reason of necessity, from the very nature of the Order and its work, that the Supreme Grand Master is required to assume all responsibility and is given supreme authority in all matters. Therefore, he is charged with the necessary responsibility of training and appointing his successor in office as the next Supreme Grand Master of the Order. Inasmuch as no one except a high initiate and Master, *in fact,* is capable and qualified to be the Supreme Grand Master, and whereas the student body, neophytes and initiates generally cannot and *do not know* and the Supreme Grand Master *alone does know,* it is, therefore, logical and necessary, because of the inherent nature of the inner affairs of the Order, that each Supreme Grand Master shall appoint his successor. The power of the appointment of his successor and the supreme governing powers of the Supreme Grand Master are not imperialistic, autocratic powers, but responsibilities and powers of necessity to be exercised with wisdom under the law of love. Therefore, the government of the August Fraternity of the Rosicrucians is not an arbitrary, imperialistic and autocratic government, as Lewis contends as an excuse for converting his spurious R. C. Order into a family racket, but it is a government of justice and wisdom under the law of love and under conditions of necessity. It is an efficient government based upon the superior qualification to govern with that understanding, wisdom and purity of heart to govern wisely and justly. It will, of course, be interesting to the public to know, according to the history and tradition of the Order, that no Supreme Grand Master has ever violated his sacred obligations, failed in his full duty or attempted to abuse his powers or to govern arbitrarily, unjustly or tyrannically. Hence, this type of government has become a fixed Law and Landmark of the Fraternity and has proven eminently and entirely satisfactory to all Rosicrucian neophytes, initiates and members of the Order and Brotherhood.

Successors—How and Why Appointed

Since Lewis has made so many misrepresentations and told so many fantastic tales concerning the selection of R. C. Supreme Grand Masters, it is well that the interested and uninformed public should know how the successors of Supreme Grand Masters are selected and the provisions made and the precautions taken to prevent a vacancy in that high and responsible office in any and all events. There is within the Fraternity a high Council, composed of the Supreme Grand Master and other Rosicrucian Masters and high initiates, any one of whom is fully qualified and entirely capable of succeeding to the Supreme Grand Mastership. The Supreme Grand Master designates more than one Rosicrucian Master to be his successor in preferred order, so that in the event the first or another in the order of designation cannot or will not act for any reason, another designee can and will act, so that there shall be no vacancy and no possibility of that high office being occupied by one not duly prepared and fully qualified.

In view of what has been said, there is, to be sure, no logical or tenable objection to a father being succeeded by his son as the Supreme Grand Master of the Order, *providing always* and, *of course*, that the son is the *best qualified* Rosicrucian Master in the Order to take the great responsibility and perform the sacred duties of that high and most responsible office. It was the hope and laudable aspiration of one of the eminent Supreme Grand Masters of our American jurisdiction that his son might succeed him, but the son failed to reach that stage in his development and initiation to make him the best qualified for the position, and his father, true and loyal to the sacred duties of his office, appointed another, truly qualified, to be his successor. Such is the Rule, the Landmark and the unviolated Law of the August Fraternity.

We have deemed it best to take the space to state in some detail —perhaps in unnecessary detail and repetition in different ways— the facts concerning these matters, so that the uninformed reader may see for himself how utterly fantastic, crude and false the statements and representations of the Lewises are on these subjects and

all related matters.

Most Important Document

Countersigned by Highest German Officials

Referring to the quotation, we are told that "the most important document" was the one sent by the "Imperator and Supreme Council of the Order in Germany," and that it was not only "signed and sealed" by the head of the organization in Germany, but "countersigned and sealed" by the *"highest* officers of the German Government" and finally "countersigned and sealed" by the American Consul General at Berlin, and that it is an *"indisputable document."* We are not told what kind of a document it is—perhaps the convention never found out—but we are assured with much bombastic language and over-inflated assurances that it is a *most important,* much-signed, countersigned and sealed and, above all, an *indisputable document.* The fact and point to which we direct attention is that this is the customary, usual and typical Lewistonian description of all of their R. C. papers, fraternal communications, charters, documents, etc., by, with and through which they attempt to prove their Rosicrucian standing, authority and authenticity. Their voluminous propaganda literature abounds with such selling arguments. Indeed, with them they are stereotyped expressions constantly employed and used to describe the most insignificant and worthless scraps of paper. Now, the over-emphasis of the great importance and the constant and consistent reiteration of the importance and incontestability of *all* such papers and documents create a grave doubt in the minds of all persons as to the integrity and authenticity of the same. They are "fishy," smell to high heaven and they are very suspicious, to say the least.

Anyone can pass a paper, letter or document through the commercial offices of a foreign government and through the Consular offices of our government located within the territory of such foreign government and for a small fee have it stamped or "sealed," as Mr. Lewis delights to say. All of which shows that it passed through said offices and came from said country—only that and nothing more. Certainly, no government undertakes or will certify to the authenticity of any fraternal charter, communication or document. In the name of common sense and the simple fitness of

things, what does Lewis hope to gain by having governmental and Consular stamps placed upon his "important papers"—and, after all, what does it prove? Nothing at all, except that they are suspicious and most likely spurious. Fraternal communications, charters, documents, etc., passing between the citizens of one country to another are private matters in which each order and fraternity only is interested, with which governments have nothing to do and with which they seldom interfere.

The Truth Revealed

By Their Telltale Actions

As a matter of fact, the Lewises know that all their so-called "important" papers, charters, documents, etc., are spurious, questionable and worthless to prove their Rosicrucian authority and authenticity. Therefore, to bolster them up and to give them a plausible but deceptive appearance of genuineness, so that they may use them to deceive their victims and to mislead them into the belief that they do prove the genuineness of false and spurious claims, the Lewises invariably have had them "sworn to" or otherwise "verified," signed and countersigned, and signed some more, sealed, resealed and decorated with seals and have foolishly attempted to give to them the appearance of a deceptive governmental sanction —which does not exist.

Now, everybody knows that a genuine document proves itself. The genuineness thereof appears upon its face. Only forgeries, spurious and otherwise suspicious documents need extrinsic evidence, over-certification and extraordinary authentication to prove their genuineness. Therefore, in their over-anxiety and through the fruit of their guilty consciences, *viz.*, by over-selling, puffed-up descriptions, unnecessary certification, surplus of seals, with too great an abundance of documents and the over-stressing of the uniqueness, rarity, importance, incontestability and unquestionable integrity of their alleged "proof" of their Rosicrucian authority and the authenticity of their fraternal family racket, the Lewises have succeeded in convincing all thoughtful people who have given any thought to the subject that all of their documents are questionable or spurious; that all of their claims are snares and delusions and that their entire fraternal enterprise and so-called R. C. Order is a

fraudulent scheme and a vicious, shocking swindle.

From Switzerland to Germany

International Headquarters Transferred

Continuing with the same article from the September issue, 1930, of *The Rosicrucian Digest,* page 235, the "Convention Secretary" tells us that:

> "Perhaps the most interesting of all the announcements made at this Convention was one to the effect that, as a result of the *International Convention* of Rosicrucians held in Europe this past summer, which was attended by our *Supreme Secretary* and *his wife* from America, announcement can now be made of the *names and addresses* of all of the members of the *International Rosicrucian Council of the world,* representing *every* nation but two or three. In a few nations the Order is not publicly active at the present time, although the high officers in such lands are *descendants of the ancient bodies* and are carrying on their work in secrecy. The present International Secretary of the International Council has been *transferred from Switzerland to Germany* for the next few years. The Swiss jurisdiction was represented at the Convention, but the *transfer of the International seat of the Order from Switzerland to Germany,* however, does not close the activities in Switzerland. Hereafter, those of our members who are going abroad to visit in foreign lands may secure from the Imperator the address of the International Councilor or officers in these foreign lands, and very likely the list of these representatives will be furnished to every Grand Master or high officer of the American jurisdictions within a few months. It was also pleasing to our American members to learn during the Convention that *our Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis,* had been made one of the two *vice-presidents* of the *International Council.* The *unknown C. R.-C. still remains president of the International Council,* as in the years and centuries which have passed." (The italics are ours.)

The New International Council

With Headquarters in Berlin

This is a lot of superficial ballyhoo about a phoney "International Convention" that was never held. At most it was only a dignified name for a meeting of Rosicrucian and Masonic pretenders conspiring to set up a fake "International Rosicrucian Council of the World" in Germany, which did not last long and which they pretended to move from Switzerland, where it had no substantial existence. As announced on the last page[7] of the *"Second Fama"* —a "Pronunziamento to All the World," published in November, 1930—they give a list of the jurisdictions of all the world that are alleged to compose said fake council. The English version of the *"Second Fama"* was issued by H. Spencer Lewis, as vice-president of the International Supreme Council,[8] to which high office he had just prior thereto been appointed by his son, *Recnartus* and *Profundis,* all in accordance with the aforesaid propaganda.

Continuing with this same type of propaganda in one of their now famous promotional "follow-up" articles on the same subjects, we find one of the Lewises writing, as "Secretary, Department of Extension," under the title of *"Interesting News from Foreign Lands,"* a long dissertation on the revival of the R. C. in many lands, arguing that there is an International Council simply because, from the very nature of their own misstated facts, there must be such a council telling something, but nothing very reliable, about the origin of the Rosicrucian Fraternity in Germany and the issuance of *The Fama Fraternitatis* in 1614. In writing of the German organization, but certainly not of the Rosicrucian Fraternity that originated in Germany in 1614, they make further reference to their unique doctrine of *Ancient Rosicrucian Authority by Inoculation through the modern methods of Blood Transfusion,* as follows:

> "The organization itself provided for its continuance through the transfer of authority from father to son on behalf of the original founders, and this transfer has been continued throughout the centuries and is a *fundamental*

[7] See our Reproduction No. 47B.

[8] See our Reproduction No. 47A.

law of the organization to this day. (!) It has *maintained the authority and controlling operation* of the organization *in each jurisdiction within the families of the preceding directors of the work,* (!) or to those who have received such authority by the transfusion of blood or through the inheritance of the blood in as direct a line as possible. In the case of foreign jurisdictions being re-established, the leaders for such new cycles *must be either descendants of some of the ancient rulers* or must have a *transfusion of blood* to place them in the *'blood line' of authority* or receive a *special form* of regeneration and rebirth in a spiritual sense. Each active father of the Organization in each jurisdiction prepares and qualifies his successor long before the time of his transition.

"It is interesting to note, therefore, that in Germany the direct line of succession has not been broken for many centuries, and the original archives, documents, papers, secret teachings, manuscripts and powers of authority have continued in an unbroken line to the very present year."[9] (Our italics.)

Strange and Fantastic

We have seen that this strange, fantastic delusion or ridiculous hallucination of a delirious or disarranged imagination of a desperate pseudo-Rosicrucian pretender has nothing to do with the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity. However, Lewis must have been deeply impressed with his fantastic and grotesque invention of authority, fundamental laws and landmarks for his fraudulent R. C. business or else he relied a great deal upon the gullibility of his member-victims and the public, because this same odd doctrine of *authority by blood transfusion* and by descent from father to son in *"blood line of authority,"* as the basis of his fraternal swindle and the means of the perpetration thereof in his family from generation to generation, was included in his propaganda pamphlet, *The Light of Egypt*[1]—"The Strange Story of the Rosicrucians"—which, according to the Lewis version, is a "strange story"—

[9] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1930, p. 295.

[1] Official Publication Number Fifteen, March, 1931, p. 23.

strange and fantastic beyond all rhyme or reason.

It is interesting to note, according to these fantastic claims to Rosicrucian authority, that Mr. Lewis did not receive his "blood transfusion" from the royal veins of *Recnartus*—the fox—until the year 1930 or possibly 1929. Now, since one must have "the *blood*" to be an Imperator and to have the authority to open up an R. C. business, and Lewis did not get in the *"blood line of authority"* until 1929 or 1930, the question naturally arises: Upon what authority did they operate their R. C. racket from the year 1915 A.D. to 1930 B.L. (blood line)? The serious answer is that their authority before they entered the "blood line of authority" was just as good as it has been since. They have never possessed any Rosicrucian authority at any time.

"Valuable Books and Manuscripts"

Well, we have seen how the Lewises acquired their "Rosicrucian authority." In the same article we are told how the "Supreme International Council" works and how it supplies them with "many valuable manuscripts and books" from which they get their "Rosicrucian teachings." It is in this way:

> ". . . *Gradually* the various representatives of the Supreme Council of the Organization have come together *in correspondence* or in person to compare their plans and adjust their proposals. *Copies of these transactions and the correspondence have come to us* officially signed and sealed and *often accompanied by governmental seals and attestations of high authority.* Our own Supreme Secretary participated in a very important conclave in Germany during the early part of this year, and since then we have *received many valuable manuscripts and books* through the personal call of a legate for America who was appointed by the International Secretary in Europe.
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> "I wish that we could tell our members at the present time of the *many valuable books, manuscripts and papers* of rare teachings and *marvelous knowledge* that are *now revealed to us* and to the rest of the world from the ar-

chives[2] and 'tomb' of the original C. R.-C. foundations.

"Commercialism and Misuse"

Many of these will be immediately translated and made available to members in various parts of the world, including our members in North America, but not until many other important matters are settled beyond any dispute, for we must guard these new releases of teachings and knowledge very carefully and *protect them from commercialism and misuse.*[3] Many of these manuscripts and documents of rare instruction have been preserved for over three hundred years, waiting for this particular cycle and this very year, and the knowledge contained in them has never been given to others than the original founders of the Organization and their successors."[4] (Italics ours.)

Again we note that the "correspondence" between the members of the "Supreme Council" of this international band of pretenders is "officially signed and sealed" and *"often accompanied by governmental seals and attestations of high authority."* This is becoming a huge joke—it is so ridiculous—but it is or should be a serious matter for the Lewises. All this repeated ballyhoo about governmental seals and attestations, to bolster spurious documents and worthless papers, as we have shown, are Badges of Fraud, labeling a huge swindle which will some day become apparent even to governmental officials.

Incidentally, it may be noted that this short excerpt from said article tends to sustain our charge and the charges of the members of AMORC that there is no such thing as the "International Council" and that the Lewises and their families have been spending the funds of the members principally on pleasure jaunts to Europe, under the false pretense of attending International Councils. This shows that they have spent part of their time and part of the members' money in collecting from the book marts of Europe "old

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[2] That is, from library—Collegium Pansophia—of *Recnartus.*

[3] This is remarkable! Think of the Lewises protecting anything from commercialism and abuse!

[4] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1930, p. 296.

manuscripts and books" from which they get part of the hodgepodge of their teachings.[5] However, as we have seen and shall further see, much of their time and the members' money has been spent of recent years in Europe in vain endeavors and desperate attempts, in co-operation with other pretenders over there, to establish in Germany, then in Belgium, an International Council.

The Infamous "Second Fama"

Modeled After the Original Famous Fama

The development of this story of the adventures of a fraternal racketeer and his contacts, relations and transactions with certain European (to say nothing of Hindu or Persian) pretenders is becoming intriguing. It seems, after Lewis received the "blood transfusion" and entered "the blood line of authority," that he had another hallucination—or shall we call it "an inspiration"? Well, anyway, he decided that the world was in a bad way, that he could save it and that what it needed most was a *"Second Fama."* (Perhaps his racket needed it most of all, but we will pass that.) Accordingly, he—the *Most Perfect Master Profundis*—and the scholarly and illuminated *Recnartus* set themselves to the task of the preparation of Lewis' remarkable plan for the reformation of the world—and, incidentally, the consolidation, by invitation, *but under their control,* of all the worthy fraternal organizations of the world.

After this master plan of *Profundis* had been drafted and duly "signed and sealed" by *Recnartus*, the Imperator of North America conveyed the message of the "glad tidings of good things" to his deluded members and the gullible world in these words:

> "What will probably interest all of our North American members more than anything else is the fact that, after *316 years* (which is *equal to two* [?] periods of *108* years), the *original authority of the Rosicrucian organization*, which expressed itself through its representative in the *Famous 'Fama'* that was published in 1614, *now* expresses itself again in its *Second 'Fama,' issued in Europe in August, 1930,* and to be published in all parts

[5] This matter has been discussed throughout this work in both volumes.

of the world before the close of the year 1930. This new 'Fama,' the second ever to be issued on behalf of the same high authority, is called a 'Pronunziamento' to all the world or, in other words, a message for all the world. It is divided into three parts and, like unto the original 'Fama,' presents a plan for the *reformation of the world*. . . .

"The issuance of this *new* 'Fama' is not a surprise to us or to our members. For several years we have announced in our magazines and literature that a *great revival* and *re-establishment* of public activities of the organization would take place during the year 1930. And some months ago we called attention to the fact that we were then anticipating (as if they didn't know all about it) the public announcements that were sure to come from Europe in the present year. . . .

"Our printing department is busy at work in printing an English translation of the new 'Fama' in beautiful form so that one copy of it, at least, can be sent to every Secretary and every trusted officer or representative of our Organization. In this way its message will reach every member in due time. Within a year the message will have reached *every possible seeker* for *Rosicrucian light* in every part of the world. It will be followed by other important announcements and by a *universal or world-wide conference*[6] of all the present members of the International Rosicrucian Council."[7] (All the italics are ours.)

The "Second Fama"—A "Pronunziamento"

The "Superb Message" to All the World

The International Council of All Wisdom, *i.e., Pansophia,* was not as successful as had been anticipated. The master plan for *The Universal Reformation of the Whole World* did not work so well,

[6] We suppose that adverse circumstances deferred this conference until 1934 and that it was finally held in Brussels in 1934 when and where FUDOSI, another fake council, was created.

[7] *The Rosicrucian Digest, November,* 1930, pp. 295 and 296.

and the "Second Fama" was a complete failure in all of its designs, failing disastrously in all of its "noble" purposes, as we shall presently ascertain.

This document, with its superb message of the "glad tidings of good things," is now out of print and has been suppressed so far as is possible by the Lewises. Therefore, to the end that it may not be lost to posterity we have reproduced the title page, the concluding page (8) with the signatures and the back cover, giving a list of all the "Signatories to the International Rosicrucian Council by *fac-simile* reproductions,[8] and we shall reprint pages 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 so as to preserve its valuable (!) contents for succeeding generations. The well-designed front cover in white, red and black announces in hand lettering that it is a *"Pronunziamento to All the World."* Following the title page (our Reproduction No. 47), the "Second Fama" is set forth on pages 3 to 7, both inclusive, as follows:

I.
MANIFESTATIO

PACIS, TOLERANTIS, VERITAS:
In Omnia Punctis Triangulum.
Salutem et Benedictio ad Omnis!

"THE GREAT SYNEDRIUM of the Brothers of the ANCIENT MYSTIC ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS assembled on Mount Abiegno, interprets the 'GREAT SIGN OF THE TIMES,' revealed to them, as a command to exert new efforts through concentrated spiritual forces, in order to overcome illusions, falsehood, lies, darkness, and dissension now controlling the souls of men.

"1. THE UNIVERSAL REFORMATION OF THE WHOLE WORLD prepared by the forces of light, working through the Brothers of the Rose Cross, enters into a new phase of manifest activity.

"2. The betterment of all things, the ennoblement of all hearts, the spiritualization of all lives, efforts made centuries ago, died in their inception through the personal limitations, self-imposed through egotism, and through the suppression of natural justice.

"3. The will of the illustrious Brothers of the Rose Cross, living in secret union with the ALL-WISDOM, *i.e.* PANSOPHIA, is directed toward every soul reaching out to liberation, *Light, Life and Love.*

"4. The WORLD-SOUL, its order, its plan, its truth, can only be comprehended in the light of the universal harmony of all things; the

[8] See our Reproductions Nos. 47, 47A and 47B at the end of this part.

GREAT CONCORDANCE taught by the Brothers of the Rose Cross is no illusion.

"5. The universal contempt for this vital law and the consequent aberration from the truth has caused in the manifest world all social evils and revolutions, all hatred and all destruction, even the destruction of human life.

"6. The healing of the nations, every aid, sure advice, immense treasures of active force, old crystallized experiences—all these things are stored up in the secret wisdom of the Brothers of the Rose Cross, to be given to all who sincerely seek at the Portal.

"7. Illumination of the mind, ennoblement of the heart and perfection of character are the tasks for the aspiring spirit; they are the inner and practical work leading to freedom and happiness of all thinking Beings. (End of page 3.)

"8. The highest miracle of salvation of all mankind and of all things has been demonstrated in all its spiritual significance and practical application in the Sanctuaries of the Brotherhood of the Rose Cross; indeed, it is one of the MYSTIC ARCANA of the Brotherhood.

"9. All religions of the world, all beliefs, all arts and sciences, all national and political aims, all commercial and social problems, all ethical and personal views are truly founded, solved and harmoniously developed in the MAGNUM OPUS, which is worked upon by all initiates of the Rose Cross according to definite and certain rules.

"10. A *new* and better age, a *new* and happier civilization, a *new* and truly universal religion, a *new* and nobler culture, a *new* and greater humanity, united in love and knowledge, cannot come to pass without the full understanding of the true laws of pure reason, pure heart and pure will, as taught by the Brotherhood of the Rose Cross.

"11. Encompassed by superstitions, fanaticism, indifference, prejudices, and sorrows—weighty factors that disturb the balance of human happiness—the path that leads to the *lost Light* in the center becomes rough, difficult, and well-nigh impassable to the aspirant.

"12. It is for these reasons that the Brotherhood of the Rose Cross has systematized its teachings, by degrees, to lead, slowly but surely, the weak and erring seeker upward to the heights of True Being; to become an *Elect Illuminated Spirit*; to approach the pure Cosmic flame burning upon the altar in the Temple of the S.·.S.·.S.·.

"13. The Holiest Grail is open. The table of the Lord is spread. The gifts of the spirit await the needy. Justice, Wisdom and Love stand guard. The High Priests, bearing their insignia, the Rose and the Cross, bless all who seek, ask and knock sincerely.

"Blessings to you, also, my brother or sister!
Pause in thy haste!

Heed the Cosmic call!
Seek what ye have lost!
Pray for the right path!
Knock at the right portal!
Contemplate the Great Symbol:
The hard, thorny Cross, with one glorious Red Rose—
THE ARCANA SAPIENTIAE
Approach ye all!
Then enter! (End of page 4)

II.
INVITATIO

"The complete close union and authentic affiliation of the orders and societies which are signatories to this document shall become of important consequences to all other centers, lodges, orders, and brotherhoods working in the true spirit of C. R.-C., yea, even to all human kind.

"2. Let this invitation go forward to each and every organization, be it ever so small, be it ever so distant, that works secretly or openly under the true symbol or name of the Rose Cross. We ask all of them to communicate with us.

"3. Hitherto the

ANCIENT MYSTIC ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS (AMORC)

following ancient traditions, worked more or less secretly for centuries to improve the destinies of mankind collectively and individually.

"4. For some years, however, the August Adepts have been inclined to work more openly and visibly. Taking advantage of this powerful impulse and publicity, numerous organizations throughout the world, during the past twenty-five years, have adopted a symbol and name similar to that of the true Rose Cross. So far, they have not been authorized by the one true, genuine ancient Order of the Rose Cross; their organizations and teachings are not in accord with the constitution and secrets of the true Order; indeed, they have no connection therewith. For behold, in the past the secret teachings of the Order of the Rose Cross were transmitted from father to son, from teacher to pupil, by private, personal instruction and never by printed public books.

"5. To the end that error and falsehood may not spread, also that worthy seekers of the Light now within the fold of the latter-day organizations and fraternities shall not be delayed and discouraged, the teachers and guardians of the secrets of the true Order of the Ross Cross have empowered certain competent persons and officials in Germany and America to undertake a purification of all these younger organizations which are truly longing for the genuine teachings of the Order of the Rose Cross. Though many organizations, there shall be but one Light,

leading the aspirant to the higher degrees of the unified teachings of the Order of the Rose Cross with but one system of education and perfection for becoming a brother of the Rose Cross sanctioned by the ancient Masters of the Order. (End of page 5.)

"6. You may know all true and genuine organizations of the Rose Cross by their name and the particular symbol used as its traditional seal:

"A Cross, as the Wheel of the World (the sun-wheel) with
"One seven-leaved red rose in the center;

or, for the higher degrees:

"One forty-nine-leaved rose above the cross.

"7. The true Order of the Rose Cross is ready to affiliate and recognize any movement or organization of correct Rosicrucian teachings, provided such organizations declare themselves in accord with the Manifestatio, Invitatio and Proclamatio of this document, and are qualified to receive from us and to adopt as their own the above international seal of the true ancient Order of the Rose Cross, the one Red Rose with the wheel-cross, thus manifesting to the outside world that their affiliation has been completed.

"8. Each individual, group, society, lodge, order, nation or race, willing to work for the progress and happiness of Mankind in the true spirit of the Brotherhood of the Rose Cross, should send us his, her or its assent or dissent, together with relevant reasons, in order that possible differences may be adjusted in Justice, Wisdom and Love, thereby guaranteeing a

WORLD CONFERENCE OF ALL RITES AND SYSTEMS
OF THE ROSE CROSS

to be called at some future date.

"The highest aim of the Brothers of the Order of the Rose Cross is the union of all brothers throughout the world for the good of all and each, knowing that its realization will bring us to the threshold of

AUREUM SAECULUM PATEFACTUM

(Official correspondence may be in English, German or French.) (End of page 6.)

III.

PROCLAMATIO

In the Name of the Re-Initiator
Amen

"The Brotherhoods and Orders, affiliated and united in the name, symbol and international seal of

ANTIQUAE MYSTICAE ORDO ROSAE CRUCIS
(Ancient Mystic Order Rosae Crucis)

proclaim herewith that: In constitution, laws, teachings, traditional aims and purposes they are identical with and perpetuate the original order, *i.e.*, the organization announced to the world by C. R.-C. as the

DEUTSCHEN ORDEN VOM ROSENKREUZ

in the *first public proclamation in the seventeenth century*, and that they prove it by the following keys:

"1. They trace their origin in a direct line to the old masters, the Fathers of the Brotherhood of the Rose Cross who founded the organization centuries prior to the *first public proclamation*.

"2. They possess the original true teachings of the order, the esoteric as well as the exoteric.

"3. They are real, active institutions and as such are in actual contact with the secret, ever-active center of the innermost circle.

"4. They adhere in principle to the laws of the order, working toward the brotherhood of man, his ennoblement and spiritualization, and they put the truth above all religions.

"5. They employ their knowledge and power in the universal reformation of the world, both spiritual and material, to liberate the individual from personal limitations and to raise the soul to the conscious oneness with the ALL-SOUL.

"6. They proclaim the great secret concordance of Spirit and Body, God and Man, Eternity and Time, etc., as necessary to all progress.

"7. They see in the ERGON AND PARERGON the two poles of all pulsing life united in the Temple SPIRITUS SANCTUS of the Rose Cross as ALL-WISDOM PANSOPHIA." (End of page 7.)

Paragraphs 8 to 12, both inclusive, of the "Proclamatio" and the conclusion of the "Second Fama," with the signatures of *Profundis* and *Recnartus*, the authors and Re-initiators for the coming new age, are to be found in our *fac-simile* Reproduction No. 47A, which is page 8, and the concluding page of the "Second Fama."

Preposterous Paronomasia

The ridiculous and extravagant play on words in the spurious "Second Fama," the depraved purpose it was intended to accomplish and its outstanding nature as a fraudulent device for the promotion of Lewis' fraternal swindle are obvious—so obvious to all as to require no further comment. However, it is well to point out that, although *Profundis* "stole the show" from *Recnartus* and is-

sued the "Second Fama" in the name of the ANCIENT MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS (AMORC), the title of his American and International Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle, yet, nevertheless, he did mention the PANSOPHIA, the spurious and fabricated order of Brother *Recnartus,* because, you see, *Pansophia* was the continuation down to date of the original German Foundation of Father Christian Rosenkreutz, the source of his "blood line of authority" and the subterfuge around which he built his fake "International Rosicrucian Council of Berlin."

It should also be noted that, although he used the spurious *Collegium* and *Societas Pansophia* as the basis of his fake "International Council" and the blood of Brother *Recnartus* as the source of his authority, yet he—*Profundis*—as the Vice-President of the "International Council," proposed to be the "head man" of the international operations and to secure all benefits of the "Second Fama" for his own private fraternal racket. And "why should he not," he reasoned? "Was it not his scheme and his fraudulent contrivance to promote and sustain his own fraternal racket?" *Certainly.* So, accordingly, he directed that: *"All inquiries or proposals from persons or groups of persons receiving this copy of the document should be addressed* ONLY *to H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., Vice-President, International Council, AMORC Temple, San Jose, California, U. S. A."*[9]

Progress of International Council

The Lewises experienced considerable difficulty in keeping up appearances and in maintaining the plausible or apparent existence of their non-existing German or subterfuge International Council. The organizations which they started in Europe under their own spurious authority failed to prosper, and they could not maintain peace and harmony with the pretenders and charlatans with whom they schemed and whom they attempted to use for their own ends. This situation required much explaining and many propaganda articles during the years 1931 and 1932 to keep the truth from becoming known. At the close of 1932, in *The Rosicrucian Digest,*

[9] The "Second Fama" was not published in Europe—only by Lewis in English. The whole scheme went to pieces very quickly and never amounted to anything. See our Reproduction No. 47A for the above quotation.

December, 1932, at pages 416 and 471, under the headlines of *"An Important Announcement from Europe,"* we find the Supreme Secretary (Ralph M. Lewis) explaining the difficult situation, as follows:

> "For several years we have stated from time to time in our publications that the various countries of Europe were having considerable difficulty in either reviving or maintaining the Rosicrucian activities which were so greatly upset during the World War period. The change in national boundaries, the elimination of some old countries as independent nations and the creation of new alliances with new political controls, rules and regulations broke the former Rosicrucian map of Europe into so many dislocated segments that putting the pieces together again is very much like trying to put together the pieces of a puzzle picture when a number of pieces are missing
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> "England was fortunate enough to be the first to systematize her work, and this was accomplished by the very keen mind of Grand Master Andrea. France, on the other hand, was not long in adjusting her affairs and in quickly establishing a harmonious alliance and association of her various districts, and today we find Grand Master Gruter[1] in Southern France, in co-operation with his secretary in Paris, carefully working out the details of the future growth and development of the work in that country. Sister Santi (mentioned in last month's issue of the *Digest*) has evidently maintained a very definite organization in the several countries under her jurisdiction, and some other countries of Europe are fairly well organized, while Russia is completely disorganized.

"The Difficulty in Germany"

> "Germany, always a very enthusiastic Rosicrucian district, in association with Austria, which is now an independent jurisdiction under the International Secretary at

[1] Grand Master Gruter is one of the expelled and discredited Masons heretofore referred to in Part I of this chapter.

Vienna,[2] has had considerable difficulty in recent years in re-establishing the unified system of Rosicrucianism which existed in her country before the war. All of the other countries of Europe have offered their services to Germany to enable her to reorganize her work with one hundred per cent efficiency, and out of the German jurisdiction has come many valuable manuscripts and very valuable contributions to the work, and many very rare and unusual archives and libraries of Rosicrucian manuscripts and landmarks are still concealed within her boundaries.[3]

"The difficulty in Germany has been the growth and development of Neo-Rosicrucianism. Within the past ten years a number of unofficial Rosicrucian organizations have developed in her land, bringing confusion and disappointment to the seeker and the student alike. For some strange reason there has developed in Germany a large body of supposedly good-thinking men and women who have taken an atheistic viewpoint of all religious matters, and the promulgation of these ideas has led to a host of persons who have organized various mystical societies promulgating anti-religious and truly pagan ideas. Some of these organizations have been bold enough to call themselves Rosicrucian, and some of them have bordered so closely on Bolshevik political lines as to become obnoxious to the German Government and disheartening to the true Rosicrucians who have remained in the background, silent and bewildered."

The German Swan Song

This, as we shall soon understand, was the beginning of the German swan song. The revival of the original German Rose Cross was a subterfuge, pure and simple, from the beginning. The International Council Pansophia, with seat in Berlin, had been a miserable failure, and the "Second Fama" had failed to produce

[2] The International Council of Berlin failed, so in 1932 the International Secretary is located in Vienna, Austria.

[3] *Profundis* did not succeed in getting all the books, manuscripts and landmarks of *Recnartus*, so we are told that there are many still concealed in Germany.

the desired result. There had to be some excuse for all these failures. The excuse is as given above: "The growth and development of Neo-Rosicrucianism"; spurious orders, anti-religious and pagan ideals and Bolshevism in Germany, which, of course, prevented Lewis from reviving the true and ancient Order. Those who had contributed the funds for the revival of the "True German Foundation," of course, found the foregoing explanation entirely satisfactory. It had to be. It was the only "way out" for the Lewises.

Finally, in the March issue, 1933, of *The Rosicrucian Digest,* page 60, the Supreme Secretary, writing under the title of *"The German Rosicrucian Situation,"* concluded the German swan song and gave the final explanation, as follows:

> "So many hundreds of our members in North America are interested in the progress and development of the reorganization of Rosicrucianism in Germany that we feel that it is necessary to make some announcement regarding the present situation of the developments. The several different Rosicrucian societies that have existed in Germany during the past twenty-five years as a result of the silent period of the International Brotherhood are still contending that each and every one of them is ready to carry on the revival of the true Order for its next cycle of activity.[4] This is the same confusion that has existed for a long time, much to the regret of every Rosicrucian student born in Germany. In Austria there is no such confusion, and at the present time we are unable to make any definite announcement regarding a definite plan instituted in the German jurisdiction. We are not anxious to do more than lend a helping hand and assist to some extent in a financial way, and we have no desire to usurp any of the power and authority of competent Rosicrucian leadership in Germany. We have organized among German-speaking persons, especially those born in Germany and now living here in America, a committee known as a Ger-

[4] It is of supreme importance that the reader should refer to what was said on this very subject in *The Rosicrucian Digest* for August, 1930, where it is definitely stated that there is but *one* organization calling itself Rosicrucian in Germany, etc. Read this and compare and be enlightened.

man Advisory Council to assist us in translating the correspondence from Germany and in making recommendations. *If each of the present Rosicrucian societies in Germany can establish its rights to the successorship of the International Organization for the new period, we shall be happy to meet its requests for our continued help and fraternal co-operation.* More in this regard will be published or announced when there is something of interest to all of our members." (Italics are ours.)

International Connection Doubted

Members of AMORC Were Raising Serious Questions

The explanations had not explained sufficiently. The German propaganda and the "Pansophia International Council" had failed, hence at the beginning of the year 1933 we find many of the members of AMORC dissatisfied and entertaining serious doubts as to Lewis' Rosicrucian authority and international connection with the Rosy Cross. In an article in the *Rosicrucian Forum*, page 133, a publication for AMORC members only, we find Imperator H. Spencer Lewis attempting to allay their fears, to satisfy their doubts, by explaining *"Our International Connections,"* as follows:

"It does seem peculiar to have to go into this subject again, but I am going to save our various departments a lot of correspondence and perhaps set a lot of our members straight again by dealing with this subject once more.

"Certain rumors are afloat to the effect that some time between 1930 and the present time the AMORC in North America was dissociated with the International Rosicrucian Order and with the various ancient branches of Rosicrucianism in Germany, France, England and many other countries.

"All of these stories and rumors are absolutely false, unfounded and undoubtedly made with malicious intent, as I shall point out in a moment. In 1930 we issued a pamphlet in which we listed, for the benefit of our officers and special representatives throughout North America, the various jurisdictions affiliated with the International

Rosicrucian Organization. For the sake of those members who naturally had no access to this pamphlet[5] and to whom it would not come because of its special nature, I will read here again the list of those International Jurisdictions that constitute the International Order and are 'Signatories' to the International Rosicrucian Council. They are the jurisdictions of Germany, Northern France, Southern France, Austria, Great Britain, Canada, Scandinavia, Belgium, Greece, Egypt, India, Gold Coast, West Africa; Nigeria, West Africa; Russia and Northern China, Southern China, Australasia, Dutch East Indies, Hawaii, Central America, Chile, Argentine, British Guiana, the Antilles and the Spanish countries of South America and Mexico and the jurisdiction of North America, including Alaska.

"The AMORC of North America is a part of all of these other jurisdictions by affiliation and by membership in the International Council. The AMORC of North America has not been lessened in its contact, affiliation, recognition or support one degree so far as these other jurisdictions are concerned, despite any statements to the contrary. The AMORC still uses and has every right to use the international seal and emblem on its documents, and is from time to time being called upon to vote upon international matters on equal standing with every one of the other old-time recognized Rosicrucian organizations of the jurisdictions mentioned above. Nor has the Imperator or a single officer of the Order of AMORC in North America been suspended or dethroned in any degree of membership, recognition or support by these other foreign jurisdictions, despite any statement to the contrary.

"A new Fama will be issued some time soon, by authority of the International Council, in which all of these statements will be made again."

By the beginning of 1933 the Lewises had abandoned all hopes of convincing their credulous members and even the gullible public that an International Council really existed. Accordingly, they

[5] The pamphlet referred to is the "Second Fama," and the list of members given here are the same as those shown in our Reproduction No. 47B.

were laying their plans for the formation of the International Council FUDOSI and the Congress at Brussels in Belgium, 1934, which has been discussed in Part One, *supra,* and further discussed in the next part of this chapter. The "New Fama" referred to by Lewis was issued by the FUDOSI at the Congress of Brussels.[6]

Continuing in the same article on pages 133 and 134 in his attempt to expel all doubts as to his Rosicrucian authority, which was being so seriously questioned by his members, he explains that:

RARE DOCUMENTS PROVE THESE FACTS

"Very fortunately the Supreme Secretary, who is at the present time (February 17, 1933) on a lecture tour throughout the whole United States with talking moving pictures, has with him a very rare bound volume of international correspondence plus a leather pouch containing the most valuable Rosicrucian charters and papers ever gathered together in one jurisdiction; and, very fortunately for thousands of our members, he refers to these documents and papers in his lectures and offers to spread them out on a table for close examination and study at the close of each one of his lectures, and up to the present time thousands of our members have seen them, read them and discussed them. These papers and documents constitute indisputable proof of the existence, activity, lineage and history of all of the jurisdictions mentioned above. They contain not only the seals of these foreign jurisdictions, but the seals of the officials of the country in which they were issued, and the seals of the United States Consulars living in those countries attesting to the genuineness of all the other seals and signatures on them. There are letters from the highest Rosicrucian officers of all parts of the world addressed to the Imperator and other officers of the AMORC, bearing indisputable seals and signatures, with the envelopes attached, and with other means of unquestionable verification. These show the high esteem in which the AMORC of North Amer-

[6] See our Reproduction No. 48 and the complete text of this "New Fama" in Part Four of this chapter.

ica is held by the foreign branches and prove initiations, contacts and recognitions in foreign lands given to the Imperator and to AMORC generally.

"Exhibited"—It Is a Trick!

"These same documents have been exhibited for three or four years to all of the members attending the International Conventions here in San Jose, and at each convention the members have had the privilege of copying the confidential names of the representatives of these foreign jurisdictions and cabling to them, even at our expense if necessary, for verification of the statements contained in them. The good Brother who made the valuable chest that was given to us at our last convention actually wrote to each and every one of these foreign branches, asking for pieces of wood to be sent to him for the chest; and he preserved all of the Rosicrucian correspondence that came to him in connection with that matter written on Rosicrucian stationery and bearing Rosicrucian seals from all of these foreign lands, and this correspondence he bound into a book which is shown here to our members freely whenever any question regarding our foreign connections is made an issue."

We have selected and quoted the foregoing excerpts from Lewis' voluminous, bombastic and verbose writings relating to their alleged international relations with other Rosicrucian Orders, their sham International or World Councils, the sources of their spurious Rosicrucian authority and the proof (?) thereof, because they embrace and contain the gist of their sham and fraudulent claims. They are fine examples of typical Lewistonian falsified propaganda and exaggerated ballyhoo. In these excerpts, as well as others quoted in this work, the reader may see for himself the false foundation upon which they have constructed their house of cards and built their temple of the Golden Calf from which they carry on their fraternal racketeering and fraudulent operations.

Pansophia Abandoned

An American representative of the German Society Pansophia had located in California who was threatening to make inroads upon Lewis' membership, which could easily have been accomplished in view of the fact that Lewis had previously claimed the "Societas Pansophia" was closely allied with AMORC and was a member of the Pansophia International Council of Berlin.[7] Mr. Lewis is very jealous of his membership; they supply the Royal Revenues for his Family Racket. Therefore, to head off any possible inroads being made upon his membership by an American branch of said German organization, in the same article, on pages 334 and 335, he denounced *"Pansophia"* in this fashion and in these words:

"PANSOPHIA"

> "Why is any question being raised as to AMORC's international connections? I will tell you why. It is because a group of occult students in Germany who were not admitted into the International Council of Rosicrucians as a part of the Rosicrucian Order are now anxious to form a Rosicrucian organization of their own, and they have labeled it with the name Pansophia and called themselves the Society of Pansophia. Some of them were Rosicrucian students and some were not. There are many societies in Europe, the members of which are also members of the Rosicrucian Order, but this would not make their small, individual societies a part of Rosicrucianism. Many of the world's leading Theosophists are members of the Rosicrucian Order, and in some countries groups of Theosophists have formed a Rosicrucian circle in their cities or towns for the purpose of studying Rosicrucianism as members of the Rosicrucian Order. This would not make their little group of Rosicrucian students a branch of Theosophy. In some cities Theosophical students and Rosicrucian students have formed a mutual study group and called themselves Theosophical students, but because they were also Rosicrucians would not

[7] See our Reproduction No. 47 and the "Second Fama."

make their little circle or their little group an official part of Rosicrucianism. Pansophia in Germany has perhaps one hundred or more students. It is trying to spread its work into America under its own name of Pansophia, but one or two who are trying to help it grow in this country are misrepresenting it to our members and to others by claiming that Pansophia is a recognized part of the Rosicrucian Order. It positively is not a part of the International Rosicrucian Order, nor even of the recognized Rosicrucian Order of Germany. We have here in our files a definite letter in definite words written by one of the officials of the Pansophian Society, stating that it is not a part of the International Rosicrucian Order and most certainly not a part of the work of AMORC, and anyone representing the Pansophian Society making a statement contrary to this is simply misrepresenting both organizations.

"The study of Pansophia has no relationship to Rosicrucianism. It is a philosophy and a spiritualistic study that has no practical application to the everyday affairs of life and no purpose except that of the intellectual study of philosophy. Even the philosophy itself is not broadly philosophical, but limited to certain subjects of a very involved nature, difficult for English-speaking persons and especially those living outside of the German Empire or Republic to understand. We are not saying this by way of criticism of Pansophia, for it may be perfectly satisfactory for some people of Germany, but we are saying it in justice to our own organization and in fairness to those English-speaking persons who may be tempted to take up the study with the thought that it is a broad and complete occult philosophy. As soon as we find that the North American representatives and a few students of Pansophia living in North America will discontinue trying to give the impression that Pansophia is a part of Rosicrucianism, we will discontinue our comments as to the difference between the two, for we do not wish to quarrel over such an unimportant matter, nor do we wish to continue being placed in a position where we

must make comparisons or criticisms."

Here we have another impressive example of how Lewis embraces and even praises organizations, genuine and spurious alike, when he finds use for them in the promotion of his fraternal racket and Masonic-R. C. swindle and how quickly and readily he denounces them when those same organizations threaten to make inroads upon his membership. The reader will recall his similar action with reference to Female or Co-Masonry shown in Part Two a few pages back in this chapter. Such insincere, inconsistent and unstable conduct tells its own story too plainly to be mistaken or misunderstood. Such action on his part is one of the many Badges of Fraud which label and earmark his swindling operations.

Pansophia—"Out the Window"

Following a propaganda article concerning the revival of the "ancient R. C. Order" in Belgium, "building up" for and preparatory to the Congress of Brussels and the formation of another International Council, the Lewises finally disposed of the "International Council of Berlin," the "Second Fama" and Brother *Recnartus* by making an announcement printed in a box in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, page 92, as follows:

PANSOPHIA

"We wish to advise all of our members that the so-called Pansophia society, a new and recently promulgated movement from Europe, has absolutely no connection with the Rosicrucian Order anywhere in the world. Its teachings are not Rosicrucian, but wholly unrelated and unimportant to any Rosicrucian student; and any claims that the AMORC of North America or other lands is a part of the Pansophia movement are absolutely erroneous, as proved by correspondence from the officials of Pansophia. Misinformed persons are being misled by the exaggerated statements of a few enthusiasts who seek to

> separate some of our members from their present studies and lead them into something that does not have the slightest connection with the teachings, aims and purposes of our organization."

With *"Pansophia"* thrown out of the window, with all bridges burned and with all previous "International Councils" abject failures, the Lewises devoted their time, energy and propaganda and incidentally spent the funds of AMORC to establish for themselves and their fraternal racket and Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle, a brand-new "International Council" of "incontestable and unquestionable authority."

The spurious Masonic-Rosicrucian Congress of Brussels, 1934, which we considered in Part One of this chapter, *supra,* was the result of their efforts, and the FUDOSI was the *sham by-product* of that illegitimate and notoriously irregular congress of clandestinism, which we shall now consider in Part Four immediately following.

Notes on Reproduction No. 46

Translation of "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 3"

Mr. Lewis says: ". . . and, therefore, this *charter* is absolutely unique and unequaled in authenticity and unquestionable integrity." (Our italics.) The translation of this "important" (?) document reveals its "uniqueness" as a charter and shows unquestionably *"the unequaled authenticity and unquestionable integrity"* of Lewis' spurious claims to Rosicrucian authority—to say nothing of the integrity of his statements and representations:

This charter (?), freely translated, is as follows:

GREAT FRATERNITY OF THE ROSE AND CROSS, GOLDEN AND STRONG ORDER ECCLESIASTICAL (CHURCH)[8]

STATUS SUPREME CONSISTORY

M(agnum) S(odalitium) R(osea)
C(rucis) A(ures) and V(ires)
O(rdo) E(cclesia)
S(to)

Royal Art and Hermetic Science — Body of the (3 Omni) Trinity and Rose Cross

THE DANISH ROSE AND CROSS ORDERS BROTHERHOOD

Copenhagen—Light! Life! Love!—Denmark
(Great Fraternity of the Rose and Cross, Golden and Strong)

Our Greetings With 3-Pointed Triangle, Rose and Cross

PYTHAGORA. KING NUMA****

Under Rose and Cross:

"By this *Certificate* and *Diploma*, the Undersigned, the Rosicrucian Grand Master, Basil Valentinus, as the supreme authority for the mentioned Order and Brotherhood, by virtue of its charter, certifies: This day we have admitted the worthy and very enlightened Brother of the Rose and Cross, Spencer Lewis, of San Jose, California, as a corresponding (honorary) Brother and faithful Prior Member of our Order's Brotherhood.

Copenhagen, Denmark (Date Deleted)
Under our hand and seal.
(Signed) BASIL VALENTINUS,
Rosicrucian Grand Master."

Seals of the Order
and Brotherhood.

COMPARE THE FOREGOING CERTIFICATE OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIP WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MADE BY LEWIS CONCERNING THIS, his:

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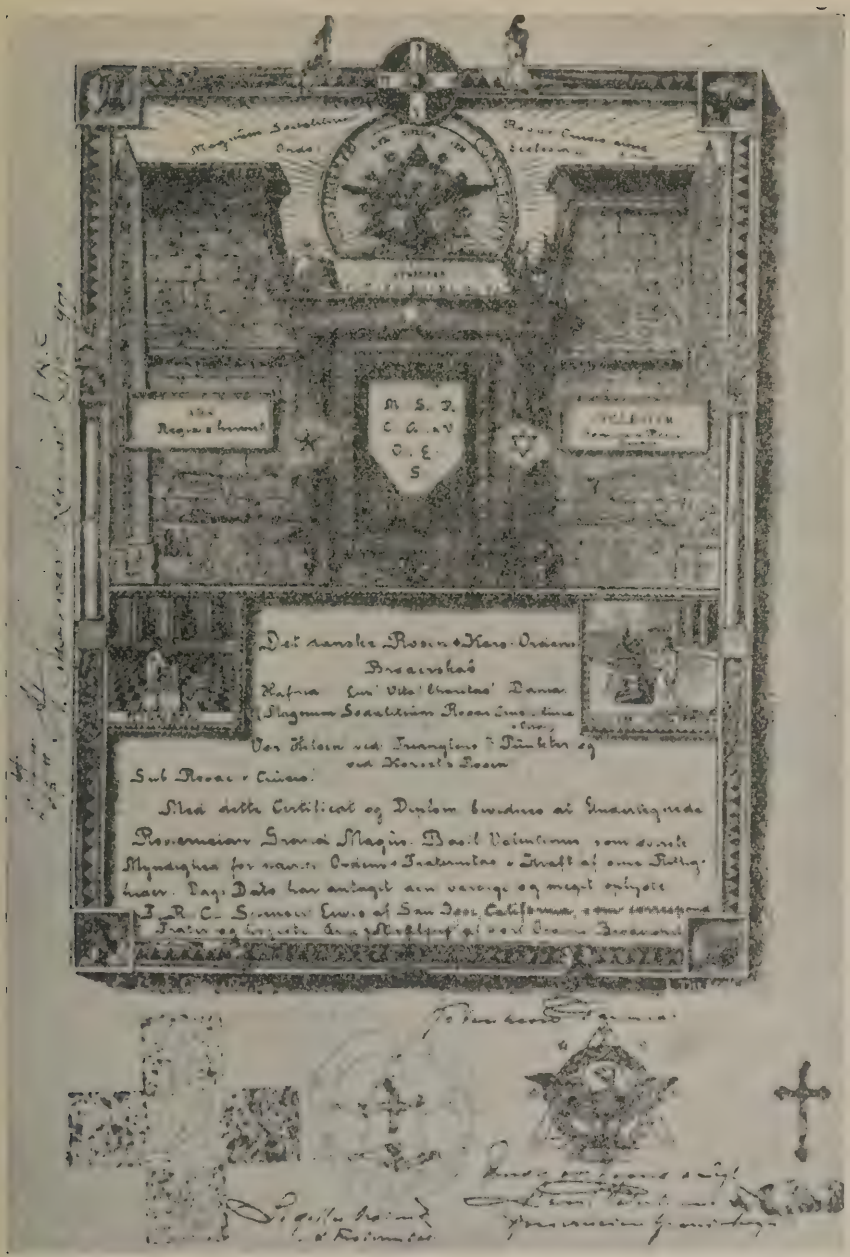
[8] It is to be borne in mind that Mr. Lewis emphatically claims in all his literature and advertising that AMORC is NOT a religious organization.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 46



IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 3

(Reproduced from *The Rosicrucian Digest,* October, 1933, p. 357.)

Observe the signature of Mr. Lewis in the left margin and note particularly that he claims to be a *ninety-seventh degree Mason* of the Rite of Memphis-Mizraim.

See notes and translation on opposite page.

IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 3

> "The above is a photographic reproduction of one of the most important and interesting charters ever issued in foreign countries to any organization in North America. It was issued by the 'Suprenum Consistorium Rosae Crucis' at its Sovereign Sanctuary and Collegium for Germany and parts of Scandinavia. The charter is issued through the authority originally granted by the Venerable Grand Master, Christian Rosenkreutz, representing the original German jurisdiction of the famous Rosenkreutzers. It authorizes: H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., of North America, to represent the original German Foundation of Rosicrucianism and assures him of the co-operation of all of the existing officers of the true Rosicrucian organization in Germany. It makes the Rosicrucian Order of North America a recognized and empowered branch of the only true and original Rosicrucian Order of the world and carries with it the power and authority through an unbroken line of succession in the Hierarchy of the fraternity. Such a charter has never been issued to any other individual or organization in any part of North America and, therefore, this charter is absolutely unique and unequaled in authenticity and unquestionable integrity." (*The Rosicrucian Digest,* October, 1933, p. 357.)

and judge for yourself of the "unequaled authenticity" of his Rosicrucian authority to operate his fraudulent R. C. Order and the "unquestionable integrity" of his false representations, promotional propaganda and over-inflated ballyhoo.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 47

Internationales Hauptquartier von Obersten Rat des Alten Mystischen Ordens Rosae Crucis

[*International Headquarters of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Mystic Order Rosae Crucis*]

S.·. S.·. S.·.

Berlin, Germany

1 9 3 0

Official Communication to all Humanity

I. Manifestatio
II Invitatio
III. Proclamatio

Issued through the United Organizations of the Rose Cross

Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC)
Brotherhood of the Rose Cross
Fraternitatis Hermetica Lucis
Ordo Templi Orientis
Collegium Pansophia
Societas Pansophia

This is the *Second* Official FAMA issued by the Original Fraternity Rosae Crucis since the Seventeenth Century

This is the title page of the "Second Fama," issued from Berlin, Germany, 1930, by the International Headquarters of Supreme Council of AMORC composed of Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC) and Brotherhood of the Rose Cross, one and the same, represented by Lewis, *i.e., Profundis,* and Fraternitatis Hermetica Lucis and the Ordo Templi Orientis (O. T. O.), one and the same; the Collegium Pansophia and Societas Pansophia, one and the same, represented by Franker, *i.e., Recnartus.* This document is "absolutely unique and unequaled in authenticity" and issued by two pseudo-occultists of "unquestionable integrity." See preceding text.

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8. They seek to bring to recognition the philosophy of the Brothers of the Rose Cross as the Alpha and Omega, the foundation and content of all sciences, arts, laws, order, and manifestations of world-life.

9. They admit that the highest aims of the Brotherhood of the Rose-Cross at the present age can only be attained by a few; however, they declare it can be of great wisdom and benefit to strive for such attainment within the order.

10. They know the perfect construction of the **Magnum Opus**; they possess all plans to the **Lapis Philosophorum**; and they offer, without deceit or falsity, the **Summum Bonum** to the whole world.

11. They have wonderful inner schools and grades of instruction and illumination for everybody; they make no distinction in race, faith, place, age, or sex. ALL comes from the ONE; ALL goes to the ONE; Alone through the ONE.

12. They announce by this outer symbol, sign, and seal, to all other fellowships, that they are the true and only heirs to the all-embracing wisdom, the **Mysterium Magnum**, and to the NEW FORMULA of the AUGUST HOLY INITIATOR OF THE PLANET

for the

COMING NEW AGE

The foregoing English translation of the original German Text has been approved and authorized by me.
Legate for America of the International Secretary

Fra. Recnartus
33° 90° 96° X°
in the Bonds of the Order,
Profundis
in Truth and Trust.
General secretary of the Berlin Sect 48

— NOTICE —

The English version of this document, accompanied by an official copy of the original, duly signed and sealed, was delivered into my hands by the Legate representing the International Secretary, with an Authorization to have it printed and distributed among English speaking nations.

All inquiries or proposals from persons or groups receiving this copy of the document should be addressed only to: H. SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C., Vice-Pres., International Council, AMORC TEMPLE, San Jose, California, U. S. A.

Signed and sealed, November, 29, 1930 A.D., by
H. Spencer Lewis F.R.C.
Imperator of AMORC for North America, and Vice-President of the International Supreme Council
Profundis

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This is the concluding page (8) of the "SECOND FAMA" by *Profundis* and *Recnartus* and published November, 1930, by H. Spencer Lewis as a fraudulent device to promote his fraternal swindle. Note the Masonic seals of *Profundis* Vice-President and *Recnartus* as the "unknown head or chief" of the International Supreme Council. Fra *Recnartus* signs "In the Bonds of the Order," 33°, 90°, 96° Masonic Rite M.-M. and X° of the O. T. O.* This is a remarkable Pronunziamento for the salvation of the World and all the inhabitants thereof by a unique Masonic-R. C. pretender and an unscrupulous Masonic-R. C. racketeer.

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* Note the Masonic seal which precedes the signature.

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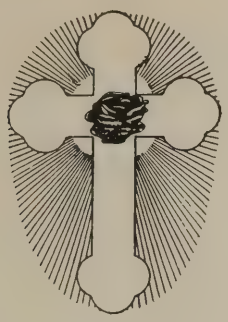

SIGNATORIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL ROSICRUCIAN COUNCIL

Jurisdiction of Germany,
Jurisdiction of Northern France,
Jurisdiction of Southern France,
Jurisdiction of Austria,
Jurisdiction of Great Britain,
Jurisdiction of Canada,
Jurisdiction of Scandinavia,
Jurisdiction of Belgium,
Jurisdiction of Greece,
Jurisdiction of Egypt,
Jurisdiction of India,
Jurisdiction of Gold Coast, West Africa,
Jurisdiction of Nigeria, West Africa,
Jurisdiction of Russia and Northern China,
Jurisdiction of Southern China,
Jurisdiction of Australasia,
Jurisdiction of Dutch East Indies,
Jurisdiction of Hawaii,
Jurisdiction of Central America,
Jurisdiction of Chile,
Jurisdiction of Argentina,
Jurisdiction of British Guiana,
Jurisdiction of The Antilles, the Spanish Countries of South America, and Mexico,
Jurisdiction of North America, including Alaska,
——— and others ———

This is the last cover page of the "SECOND FAMA," setting forth the alleged "Signatories" who never signed a covenant forming this mystical, non-existent International Rosicrucian Council that vouches for the "unquestionable" authenticity (!) of Lewis' fraternal swindle. See text. We shall now proceed with the consideration of the FUDOSI, the latest fraudulent device for the perpetuation of the notorious Lewistonian Masonic-Rosicrucian fraud.

PART FOUR

UNIVERSAL FEDERATION—F-U-D-O-S-I

"Eminent" Council of Self-Constituted Authority

Maintaining the business of a fraternal racket at high efficiency as a money-making project and supply it—a spurious Masonic-R. C. fabrication—with important documents having the appearance of charters and universal, international and world-wide councils to make a plausible showing of authority, regularity and authenticity is a matter of eternal vigilance.

The Lewises were not long in reaching the conclusion that their alliance with *"Recnartus,"* his Societas and Collegium Pansophia and their International R. C. Council of Berlin could not and would not stand the test of scrutiny, for reasons that have been made obvious in Part Three, *supra.* Hence we find them in Belgium reviving their "ancient Rosicrucian Order" in that country. In 1931 or 1932, with the aid of Lawyer Jean Mallinger, the rapid-growth Mason,[1] and his "adepts," they created the *Rose Croix University of Belgium.* The reason and the necessity for the creation of this so-called Rose Croix University, in the Lewis scheme, will presently become apparent. It was in the beginning of 1933 that they began the outward process of "the bringing forth from silence into public activity" of their "ancient and mystic" device in Belgium.

In the same issue of their magazine in which they made the announcement repudiating and denouncing "PANSOPHIA," quoted a few pages back in Part Three, they made a partial announcement of the results that had been accomplished by their scheming and contriving with the Masons of Belgium and notably with Jean Mallinger. The impressive method to be used for the making of this "interesting announcement" was very cunningly planned and effectively executed. It was arranged for the *"Venerable Master and Dean of the Universitaire"* and JEAN MALLINGER, "secretary of the Rosicrucian Order in Belgium," to write Imperator H.

[1] See the French exposé of Mallinger's clandestine Masonic activities and his rapid rise to the highest positions and great honors thereof in Part One of this chapter, pp. 242 to 255, *supra.*

Spencer Lewis imposing letter-like documents, under stately seals, to be the harbingers of the great revival and *coming-forth* process of the order in Belgium, which the Lewises claim *"is of very old lineage and establishment,"* that is to say, fabricated in 1931 to 1934, *anno Domini.*

They had made a dismal failure of the revival of their ancient and mystic device in Germany, so with that impressive and bitter experience fresh in mind, they planned as aforesaid, with greater cunning and devised a different method of announcement. The arrangement was, as aforesaid, that Jean Mallinger, the "Mason of 33 degrees of the Egyptian Masonic Rites," and the Venerable Master and Dean of the University—an innocent puppet under the deceptive control of Mallinger—should make the announcement of the results of their scheming and that the Lewises would use the letters as the basis of their announcement to their credulous members and the gullible victims they hoped to ensnare. Accordingly, they published a fac-simile of parts of these letters[2] as the "tangible evidence" for their announcement in America. Only a small portion of each letter is reproduced; however, the signature to each is sealed with a Masonic seal and the letter of John Mallinger is under the seal of the Rite of Memphis-Mizraim.

The announcement was made by Ralph M. Lewis, the Grand Secretary, in *The Rosicrucian Digest* for April, 1933, at pages 90, 91 and 92 as follows:

ANOTHER INTERESTING DOCUMENT

OUR MEMBERS WILL BE INTERESTED IN THIS COMMUNICATION FROM BELGIUM

BY THE GRAND SECRETARY

"In the latter part of January just past we received another interesting and important document from Europe. Because of the interest shown in previous documents from foreign countries and announced in *The Rosicrucian Digest*, we are warranted in believing that our members will be greatly interested in this recent one.

"This new communication and document consists of a letter written by the Secretary of the Rosicrucian Order in Belgium, which *is*

[2] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, p. 91. See our Reproduction No. 48A for a fac-simile of these letters as exhibited by Lewis in connection with his propaganda article on the resurrection of his AMORC and the Rose Croix University in Belgium.

of very old lineage and establishment. The Secretary is an Advocate in the Court of Appeals in Brussels and holds the *33rd degree of the Egyptian Masonic Rites* as well as high degrees of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. The letter is accompanied by a document signed by the *Venerable Master* of the Order in Belgium, who is also the *Dean* of the *Rose Croix University* in Brussels.

"Both are addressed to *our Imperator*, H. Spencer Lewis, and both express the high appreciation of the officials and members of the Order in Belgium for the work being done by the AMORC in North America and state that after having analyzed our work and known of our activities for many years they desire to express their affiliation with the International Organization, of which we are a part, and become in Europe our American representatives and co-workers. The letter from the Venerable Master and Dean of the Universitaire closes with the statement, 'We would be very honored to collaborate in the activities of AMORC, and I send you our sentiments of greatest respect and devotion.'

"The letter from the Secretary reads in part as follows: 'For some time we have been operating in this country very quietly and SUB ROSA. We now desire to extend our activities in a wider and more public manner, and we will be honored to enter into regular reports with our brethren in North America. We would be very greatly honored to be accorded your representation in Belgium." (Our italics.)

The Scheme Revealed

Here we have, with the slight variation of method herein before noted, the same typical propaganda with which the Lewises have introduced all of their schemes and prepared the way for their execution. These typical methods and this distinctive Lewistonian type of preparatory propaganda always reveal their schemes and are—as we have repeatedly pointed out—one of the distinguishing *Badges of Fraud* of their family racket and fraternal swindle. Let us pay particular heed to this suave, fulsome, vaunting praise and braggadocio concerning their own importance—the superior standing of AMORC, how other orders are seeking affiliation with it, the great work it has accomplished and, of course, the unusual, *most interesting and important document just received.* Note the studied effort to build the myth of greatness and superiority around their confederates and co-schemers. They introduce the propaganda by saying that, because the members have shown so much interest

in so many important, interesting and unusual documents, they are quite sure they will be interested in another. As usual, these letters, called documents, are addressed to "Our Imperator." Indeed, the one shown is addressed to "The August Thrice Illustrious Spencer Lewis, Imperator,"[3] and express high appreciation of the officials, the Lewis family, of the work done by the AMORC, and the desire of their Belgian confederates to affiliate with the "International Organization," of which the Lewises are a part—indeed, the major part.

Like their own recent fabrication, the order in Belgium that they are bringing forth "is of very old lineage and establishment," and the Secretary, who writes with such ringing praise of the Lewises and their fabrication, is a man of great importance in Brussels. He is "an Advocate in the Court of Appeals." That sounds big and important, but in reality there is nothing extraordinary about it. After all, he is just a lawyer and lawyers are permitted to practice in the Court of Appeals. The Secretary, Jean Mallinger, "holds the 33rd degree of the Egyptian Masonic Rites." It will be recalled that from 1933 to 1934 he advanced very rapidly in Masonry of the clandestine and spurious variety.[4] Here we note another of the numerous attempts of H. Spencer Lewis to use Masonry to bolster his fraternal racket.

"Venerable" and "Sub Rosa"

The Master of the Order is *Venerable*[5] and being of great learning is the "Dean of the Rose Croix Universities." There seems to be more than one.

Now, observe that it is this *Venerable* Master and Dean[6] and the unusual *Masonic* Secretary who make known their fervent desire to be associated with Lewis, to become active and to be the representatives of AMORC in Belgium.

As we follow through, we shall see the manner in which the

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[3] See top letter in our Reproduction No. 48A.

[4] See Part One of this chapter, pp. 242 to 225, *supra.*

[5] Later on we shall see how he became the Venerable Imperator of Europe. See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, p. 376.

[6] Later on we shall reveal the identity of the "Venerable Master and Dean" and show, although he is a good man, that he is a weakling and only a puppet in the hands of Lewis and Mallinger.

Lewises and their Lawyer-Masonic friend contrive to bring AMORC of Belgium out of *silence* into public *activity*. The propaganda continues:

> "The reference to their operations in a quiet, SUB ROSA manner implies that the Belgian organization has been passing through its *silent period* and is now ready for the *outer revival* and *activities* that come to each jurisdiction at certain periods of its history. For many years we have known of the quiet Rosicrucian power that existed in Belgium. One hundred years ago or more and several centuries before that the activities of Rosicrucianism in Belgium were *intense* and of *international value*. While many who are not initiates of the organization labored under the belief that Rosicrucianism had passed out of existence in Belgium, we knew from the traditions of the Order and its rules and regulations that this was not so and that where the greatest silence is there may be the greatest power. Some years ago one of their most active members and leading lights, Fra Witteman, who is a Senator in the Belgian Senate, wrote a complete history of the Rosicrucian Order[7] in French and in Dutch. In this history, which became a standard reference book throughout the world, the AMORC of North America was given a very high place with high recommendations. The issuance of that book tended to offset many of the erroneous impressions regarding international Rosicrucianism and the existence of the Order in many countries prior to the popular revival in Germany in 1614. It also clearly established the connection of Sir Francis Bacon with the organization and many other eminent characters and proved the existence of Rosicrucian manuscripts and the operation of Rosicrucian Lodges and Chapters in Europe as far back as the twelfth and earlier centuries.
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> "*We knew* by the issuance of that book that the Rosicrucian organization in Belgium was on the *verge of coming forth* from its public inactivity, but we *could make no announcement* until the officials in Belgium were ready to make such an announcement, and we are happy to be the first in this country to make the matter a subject of public knowledge." (Our italics.)

The Silent Period—Outer Revival

Just as Lewis brought forth his own fabrication in America,

[7] This "history" of the Rosicrucian Order is on a parity with the "authentic and complete" history of the Order written by Lewis. Neither is reliable or trustworthy—both are without merit as historical Rosicrucian documents.

after a long period of silence, so also he schemed to bring forth the spurious and fabricated AMORC of Belgium by bringing it forth from its "silent period" into "outer revival and activities." This is his favorite method, often employed, to introduce his fraudulent devices and to set up his fabrications as going concerns. It will be recalled that he was not so successful with his German revival of the Original Foundation and it will be observed that he, in the article quoted, abandons the German Foundation as the original source of Rosicrucian authority, citing the spurious Rosicrucian historical work of Fra Wittemans as sustaining his early erroneous contentions that Rosicrucian Lodges and Chapters existed in Europe prior to 1614, when the Rosicrucian Order was founded in Germany and "as far back as the twelfth and earlier centuries."[8] No doubt Lewis collaborated with Wittemans in writing that "history," because it contains the Lewistonian fiction of "international councils" and gives AMORC of North America "a very high place with *high recommendations.*"

Of course, and to be sure, the Lewises knew by the issuance of that "history" book that the Rosicrucian organization in Belgium was on the "verge of *coming forth* from its public inactivities," and although there was no Rosicrucian Order there, yet the Lewises knew from the traditions and rules and regulations that it was there, but, of course, they "could make no announcement until the officials of Belgium were ready to make such announcement." However, they were very happy to be the "first in this country to make the matter a subject of public knowledge" in 1933. All of which seems very strange to us, *because,* in *1930,* Lewis announced the *"Belgium Jurisdiction"* as one of the "Signatories" to his International Rosicrucian Council.[9] That was a lapse of memory—he forgot that he had publicly announced the activities of the "Belgium Jurisdiction" three years before in this country and here, in this new propaganda, he has them *begging* to be made their representative in Belgium and *expressing* their desire to *affiliate* with the

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[8] Occult orders existed in Europe, Egypt and Asia for many centuries that were amalgamated and consolidated into the order in Germany about the year 1614, but prior thereto none of them was known as Rosicrucian—it was the amalgamation of these orders that constituted the Rosicrucian Fraternity. Prior thereto there were no Rose Cross Orders and no Rosicrucian Fraternity.

[9] See our Reproduction No. 47B, being the back cover page of the "Second Fama," setting forth his fictitious council, "Pansophia," of Berlin.

"International Organization." Propagandists for fraternal swindles must be very careful and check themselves very closely, otherwise they reveal the falsity of their claims and pin *Badges of Fraud* on their cherished and noble institutions, racketeering in brotherly love and trafficking in the higher aspirations and ideals of mankind.

A Very Important Matter

Continuing with the propaganda for the "bringing forth of the order in Belgium" and the scheme to hold a Universal Congress in Brussels in 1934 to create the FUDOSI to recognize their family racket as the only legitimate and authentic R. C. Order in the Americas, we are told that:

> "Another *very important point* is the fact that *it reveals* in a *definite way* and *to the public* the fact that *Rose Croix Universitaires do exist in Europe* and *have been existing* for some time. This fact is *not generally known* and has seldom been mentioned in connection with Rosicrucian history [except when Lewis has mentioned it] simply because in the past it has been deemed a matter of no concern to the public. However, we believe that because of so many misstatements that have appeared in public histories about the Rosicrucians, it should be known that the Rosicrucians do maintain universities and colleges in various parts of the world for the exclusive association of the most learned scientific, literary and artistic minds of the world. The first such university in modern times was established by Sir Francis Bacon and his associates, and in order to keep it a secret it was named The Invisible College. To this institution gathered the leading lights of the English-speaking world. The name of the college was changed several times and became known as an Academy in 1660, but finally Charles II in 1662 granted the royal charter in the name of the Rosicrucian Academy. This later evolved into what is now known as the Royal Society of England and is acknowledged to be the most exclusive society of learned men in the world. In other countries the Rosicrucian Universities are of similar type, and as conditions permit in the future we will speak of others." (Our italics.)

For many years Lewis had been doing much talking about the secret and hidden Rose Croix Universities. He had long been in need of tangible proof of the existence of those non-existent fictions of his imagination. However, he produced the plausible tangible proof by creating an "ancient" Rose Croix University in Belgium

about the year 1931 or 1932 in the manner above suggested and hereafter to be fully shown, and the parts of letters[1] reproduced and exhibited, at last, were his "proof." The "very important point is the fact that it [the 'proof'] reveals in a very definite way and to the public that Rose Croix Universitaires do exist in Europe and have existed for some time." Now, "this fact is not generally known" because *it is not a fact.* Such a contrivance as Lewis created with the aid of Mallinger in Brussels under the name of the Rose Croix is not a university in any meaning of that term—it is simply a *fraudulent device* to promote his fraternal enterprise in America and incidentally, if not *primarily,* to serve as a subterfuge to confer a fake "honorary degree of Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences" on H. Spencer Lewis, the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy and to make—if that is possible—a "Doctor" of some kind out of a fraternal racketeer.

The alleged historical dissertation on Rosicrucian universities above quoted, and the ridiculous and wholly false statement that "the Rosicrucians do maintain universities and colleges in various parts of the world for the exclusive association of the most learned scientific, literary and artistic minds of the world,"[2] may be prudently disregarded as fulsome propaganda with a definite design and for a specific purpose not altogether praiseworthy.

The conclusion of this remarkable article of still more remarkable propaganda to prepare the way for the sham Congress of Brussels in 1934 for the creation of a spurious power and an authority for clandestine Masonry and Rosicrucianism, called the FUDOSI, is as follows:

Preparing the Way for the FUDOSI

> "We have said before in articles appearing in this magazine that 1932, 1933 and 1934 would see the *widest development* of Rosicrucianism throughout the world that it has ever had, simply because *more* of the *inactive periods* in different countries terminate during these years than at any other time in the past history of the Order,

[1] See our Reproduction No. 48A showing these letters as reproduced by Lewis as a part of his article.

[2] Some eminent men of science, art and letters have been members of the Brotherhood, but this overdone and colorful statement finds no justification or foundation in fact.

> and with the many that are already active it will mean the largest number of active jurisdictions that have been in operation at the same time.
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> "Future communications or documents from the Belgian or other jurisdictions will be announced in our magazine from time to time, and we know that all of our members in North America will rejoice in realizing that their membership carries with it the contact with so many active jurisdictions."[3] (Our italics.)

The often-promised and much-flaunted world-wide revival and development of spurious Lewistonian Rosicrucianism failed to materialize. Instead, he developed several meandering bands of clandestine Masons; corralled them in Brussels in August, 1934, and with them as his puppets—aided by a few innocent bystanders who did not know what was going on under cover—held the Congress of Clandestinism, by and through which he created the FUDOSI—his extraordinary power (!) and all-inclusive Rosicrucian authority for his brotherly love enterprise and fraternal business.

Nothing is or could be more ridiculous and further from the truth than the statement repeatedly made and so often inferred by Lewis that the Fraternity of the Rosicrucians has regular stated and fixed periods of inactivity and activity of 108 years each, or of multiples thereof, of silence and "coming forth" into glorious activity under flaunting banners of high-pressure publicity and commercialized fraternalism—such as he has produced and carries on under the Holy Name and Sacred Symbol of the Rosy Cross. During most of its history, the existence of the August Fraternity has been hidden, its work has been secret and it has eschewed publicity. There have been times, of course, when its existence and activities in different countries have been known. It is, therefore, upon this simple state of facts that he bases his false propaganda concerning such periods of inactivity and activity of silence and publicity, and the foregoing falsified statement that 1932, 1933 and 1934 would see the *widest* development of his spurious brand of Rosicrucianism the world has ever seen, simply *because* more of the "inactive periods" in different countries would terminate during those years than at any time in the history of the order (AMORC) which began in 1915. And, to be sure, with the "many already active" by 1934, "the largest number of active

[3] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, pp. 90, 91 and 92.

jurisdictions" will exist that have ever been in operation at the same time.

That is his story. He needed "active jurisdictions" and spurious organizations of *prima facie* plausible existence to hold his "Great European Conclave" for the creation of his FUDOSI. We readily understand why that had to be his story, when we recall how he and his lawyer friend, Mallinger, held that "Great Conclave" in Brussels in August, 1934, principally with clandestine and discredited Masons, as shown in Part One of this chapter. We shall also see the true purpose of that propagandistic article and how clearly it foretold and revealed his aforesaid scheme and plans as we proceed.

Necessity the Mother of Invention

Somewhat in the background but forming important links or basic parts of the structure of his scheme of universal all-inclusive authority for his commercialized fraternal enterprise and the nefarious invention and creation of the FUDOSI to give specious but entirely falacious certification to the authenticity of an occult and mystic swindle, are two spurious documents purporting to have been issued by a sham R. C. University and a fictitious Great White Lodge of Tibet. These fake and bogus documents Mr. Lewis designates as his "Important Rosicrucian Documents," Nos. 1 and 2 respectively. It will be interesting to review these "documents" and to study their purpose and antecedents before we give extensive consideration in detail to the FUDOSI.

As in the useful arts, so also in the fraudulent arts "necessity is the mother of invention." Early in his career as a fraternal and occult racketeer, Mr. Lewis appended a "Ph.D." to his name and began to call himself "Dr." Lewis. He tried "Doctor" of this and that, but finally decided to be a Doctor of Philosophy.

In an early autobiography published in *The American Rosae Crucis* (then his official organ), for February, 1916, at page 27, after describing his unusual accomplishments, his extraordinary self, and his rare ability to analyze and present the laws and principles of science, he says of himself:

> "It is not remarkable, then, that even as a young man his work should have attracted the attention of men of science—especially

Rosæcrucians—in Europe. He was *unanimously*[4] elected to Honorary Membership to the Society Philomatique of Verdun, France, and to the International Ciencala Societo of Spain and the Soceto di Arti e Cienci of France. In 1904 he was made a Fellow of the *Franco Ecol R. C.* and given the degree of *Doctor of Psychology,* and in the following year the same college conferred upon him the title of *Doctor of Philosophy* and proposed him as a *Dignitaire* Supreme of the Rosæcrucian[5] Order." (Our italics.)

Doctor of Philosophy

To be a Doctor of Philosophy seemed essential to him for two principal reasons. First, to gratify his expansive vanity and to satisfy the constant craving of his ego for titles and worldly honors.[6] Second as a device to be used in the promotion of his fraternal racket, to deceive his victims and to lead them to believe that they were becoming associated with and placing themselves under the eminent leadership of a great and profound man, learned in ancient wisdom and of vast modern erudition. The fact that no institution of learning of any standing or authorized to confer the degree of Doctor of Philosophy has conferred such a scholarly degree upon him, taken in connection with his much-flaunted and constant use of the assumed title of "Dr." and his sham "Ph.D." degrees, constitutes them *Badges of Fraud.*

Since the *"Franco Ecol R. C."* could not be located and existed only in his prolific imagination—highly proficient in the ready production of fraudulent devices—he soon abandoned his degrees of Doctor of Psychology and Philosophy from the fictitious French School of the Rose Cross and went in search of an institution of potential existence that issued degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, or whatever you desire, at a reasonable price per degree. In far-off mysterious India, in the land of the fakirs, he found a "diploma

[4] Italics are ours. This is a favorite term of "Dr." Lewis. Everything that he does or causes to be done is "unanimously" done. Note this fact and keep it in mind. It will become conspicuously apparent in Chapter Six.

[5] Note peculiar spelling of the word Rosicrucian and see Volume One, p. 210, *et seq.,* for his explanation and reason therefor.

[6] See Part One of this chapter, p. 269, and Chapter Three, pp. 133 to 139, *supra.* See also Reproduction No. 50 at the end of this part. Note the titles he attaches to his name beneath his published photograph, and note particularly that he declares himself to be a "Ph.D.," Chancellor of the Rose Croix University and King Universal of Illumination.

mill" which issued all manner of high-sounding and scholarly like degrees, made to order, for a few pence in silver. He, therefore, became Harvé Spencer Lewis, Ph.D., by reason of an honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred by the "INDIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES," a notorious *"diploma mill"* dealing in fake honorary degrees of higher learning.

In the case of *AMORC vs. Smith*, on June 26, 1933, in response to questions propounded by his counsel, "Dr." Lewis testified as follows:

> "Q. What credentials have you received as a result of your activities in this work?
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> "A.[7] We have papers of recognition, *Charters,* Certificates of foreign jurisdictions, *especially* from the *Sovereign Sanctuary* of the Order in Switzerland.[8]
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> "Q. What personal credentials have you?
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> "A. Degree of Ph.D. from India Academy of Sciences,[9] and *recently again Ph.D* conferred on me by *University of Belgium.* (Our italics.)
>
> "Q. Belgium?
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> "A. Yes, I have the certificates here.[1]
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> "Q. Is there any other recognition been accorded to you through official channel through any quarter than those you have mentioned?
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> "A. Yes, I was given special reception in the Grand Lodge of Paris, France, making me Honorary Member and special Legate of the French Organization. I am special Legate of the organization in South America and in Austria, Germany and England.[2]

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[7] The answers, marked "A," are by "Dr." Lewis.

[8] This refers to his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," translated in Part One of this chapter, our Reproduction No. 40, pp. 281-282, *supra.*

[9] This claim is recited in his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2," dated October 20, 1920. See our Reproduction No. 51 at the end of this part.

[1] This refers to his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1," which we shall presently review. See our Reproduction No. 49 at the end of this part. Note carefully the translation of this certificate of "honorary degree," to be presently set forth in the text.

[2] This is typical of the general claims he makes to Rosicrucian authority, which shows no authority at all.

"Q. As I understand, the organization has been functioning almost exclusively under your direction?

"A. In this country. These other organizations in Europe and elsewhere, some have been in existence—like the one in Belgium—for over 100 years *without a break in activities.*[3] (Our italics.)

"Q. Any other recognition of you and your work?[4]

"A. Well, I have had honorary degrees and honorary membership.

"Q. Where?

"A. In Europe.

"Q. What part of Europe?

"A. Well, in Switzerland, Geneva and Basel and in Paris and down in Egypt."[5]

"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1"

Since his entire business is that of conducting a so-called Rosicrucian Order, and whereas he has boasted so loudly and written so voluminously concerning his exclusive, most unusual and all-inclusive authority, it is reasonable to presume and only natural to expect that his "Document No. 1," the first of the five "important documents" to be published to the world in *fac-simile,* would be a Rosicrucian Charter, of unquestionable authenticity; but such is not the case. His vanity, his desire for self-glorification is first in order of publication and obviously more important in his own mind than his alleged Rosicrucian authority, because his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1" is a certificate of the action of a fabricated and counterfeit Rose Croix University of Belgium conferring upon him "the honorary title of 'Sar' or Doctor of Psy-

[3] This testimony was given June 26, 1933. Compare this statement with his statements in the article in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, quoted, *supra.* There he was bringing the "Belgian Order" back into *activity;* here he has it active for "over 100 years without a break in its activities."

[4] His general claims to Rosicrucian recognition and authority will be further reviewed in Chapter Five.

[5] *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith,* Transcript on Appeal, pp. 512 to 514.

chological and Hermetic Sciences." This vastly "important document"[6] is freely translated as follows:

SOVEREIGN ORDER OF THE OCCULT AND GOLDEN ROSE CROSS

R✠C University of Belgium, Free Faculty of the Philosophy of Initiation

GREETINGS on all points of the triangle and respect to the Order.[7]

A.·.·.F.·.·.A.·.·.E.·.·.R.·.·.C.·.·. ✠ XB.·.·.D.·.·.D.·.·.N.·.·.
Q.·.·.D.·.·.N.·.·.S.·.·.

"We, Rector and Professors of the free Faculty of Philosophy of Initiation of the Rose Cross University of Belgium, after deliberation, WHEREAS, F.·.·.SPENCER LEWIS, F.R.C., residing in the valley of San Jose, has manifested in the interest of humanity his perfect knowledge of the Philosophy of Initiation of the Ancient and particularly of the Hermetism of the Egyptians, of the Occult and Kabalistic science and of Ritualistic Magic,[8]

"WE DECLARE that F. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C., has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences and is hereby authorized to use the title of 'SAR' or Dr. in the philosophy of initiation.

"The present Diploma having been signed, registered and delivered the 12th day of March, 1933, of the Vulgar Era and dated 12th of March of the year 55 of CHR..R..K.. our V..M.. in the Valley of Brussels.

Signature of bearer:
(No signature)
Witnessed by us, Imperator of Europe.
(Signature unintelligible)—perhaps, Sar Hieronymus—(Danthine)

Witnessed by us, Rector of the Faculty, Sar Sapiens, F.R.C.
Witnessed by us, Grand Archon and Secretary of the Order, Sar Elgim (John Mallinger)[9]

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[6] For this certificate as published by Lewis in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* August, 1933, opposite page 276, see our Reproduction No. 49.

[7] This is the greeting used by Masons of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim. See Part One of this chapter, page 242, *supra.*

[8] This is certifying to a great deal. It reads as if Lewis had written it—or at least had informed his Belgian confederate, John Mallinger, concerning the most unusual achievements and extraordinary ability of the "Imperator" of North America.

[9] Preceding each of the signatures to this certificate is a *Masonic signature seal.* See our Reproduction No. 49.

"Sar" Lewis describes[1] this unique certificate or diploma conferring the rare and singular title of "Sar," *i.e.*, "Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences," as follows:

"IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT NO. 1"

> "The above is a small photograph of the large diploma issued by the SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY[2] and ROSE CROSS UNIVERSITY of Belgium to Imperator H. Spencer Lewis, recognizing his American jurisdiction[3] and conferring upon him the degree of Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences.[4] The diploma is signed by the officers of the Rosicrucian Order of Belgium (of great antiquity[5]) and by the faculty of the University. It also bears the special signature [which cannot be read or deciphered] of the 'IMPERATOR pour l'EUROPE.'[6] *Other unusual documents will be published from time to time.*"

"Ph.D." or What?

It will be recalled that "Sar" Lewis sat in the witness chair on June 26, 1933, with this certificate or "diploma" in his hand, and under oath testified that it conferred the degree of Ph.D.—Doctor of Philosophy—upon him. The degree of Ph.D. is, as everyone knows, a degree conferred *only* by scholarly institutions of higher learning of recognized standing having standardized curriculums. So far as we are aware, no secret school, fraternity or order—authentic

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[1] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* August, 1933, p. 277.

[2] The "Sovereign Sanctuary" is, as we have seen, a Grand Lodge or Grand Jurisdiction of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim. By this statement he reveals and recognizes the Rose Croix University of Belgium also as a *Masonic* institution.

[3] In what manner and how the foregoing "diploma" recognized "his American jurisdiction" is not revealed upon the face thereof; however, since Lewis, aided by his family, is the American jurisdiction, perhaps he regards this signal recognition of himself as recognition of "his American jurisdiction." This is typical of the "many recognitions" of which he so loudly boasts.

[4] "Sar" Lewis testified on June 26, 1933, that this diploma confers the degree of Ph.D., but in August, 1933, he says it conferred the unique degree above stated. However, since it is an unheard-of and "phony" special honor conferred upon him by a fabricated "R. C. University" and clandestine Masonic Sovereign Sanctuary, it matters not what kind of an alleged degree it may be. It is, after all, of no importance.

[5] Recall or re-read his description of the Belgium Order, *supra, The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, p. 90.

[6] We shall presently understand who the "Imperator of Europe" is and his importance in the Lewis-Mallinger scheme.

or spurious—has ever before attempted to confer such a degree or any other synthetic or fabricated degree carrying the title of "Doctor." No doubt the reader noticed that he also testified that the degree of Ph.D. was conferred upon him by the *University of Belgium,* which, of course, would be a degree of recognized standing. But the degree conferred was *not* conferred by the University of Belgium and it was *not* the well-known and universally recognized degree of Ph.D., but the new, novel and heretofore unknown degree of "Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences" conferred by a sham, counterfeit and spurious University, paraded under the name of the Rose Croix University of Belgium.[7] Were it not for the conspicuous fact that most of his statements about himself and concerning his fabricated R. C. Order and fraternal racket abound in tricky plausible deception, we would be inclined to the view that his testimony, that his degree of Ph.D. had been conferred by the University of Belgium, was a mere slip of the tongue. However, the record which he has written and made for himself during the past twenty years is replete with similar "slips of the tongue" and designing deception. Since he had been successful with such tactics before the public for so many years it is not at all unlikely that he concluded that he could use the same methods in and before the court. The reason for his success, with such tactics, before the court has been made obvious in Chapter One, *supra.*

Those "Rose Croix Universities" of Lewis and Mallinger

Webster defines the university to be "an institution organized for teaching and study in the higher branches of learning and empowered to confer degrees in special departments, as theology, law, medicine, and the arts." This is the common and universal understanding today of the university as an institution which confers degrees, as Doctor of Philosophy.

The Rose Cross Order is a school of spiritual training that teaches a philosophy, as we have often stated herein[8] and in various publications heretofore issued, but the Fraternity is in no proper sense a college or university as those terms are generally under-

[7] See letterhead of this alleged institution in our Reproduction No. 48A.

[8] See Chapter Three, p. 187, *supra.*

stood and commonly used. It is well known to all Rosicrucians that at no time in the long history of the Order of the Rosy Cross has it maintained colleges and universities conferring academic degrees or the degree of "Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences." That such ideas are entirely foreign to the essential nature of the Rosicrucian Fraternity and Brotherhood should be obvious to every thoughtful student who is at all informed upon the nature and purpose of the August Fraternity. Therefore, such unusual claims as made by Lewis and his Belgian confederates concerning fabricated Rose Croix Universities conferring unique degrees with the title of "Sar" or "Doctor" must be viewed with grave suspicion by all real students and serious investigators, of the Rose Cross and Rosicrucianism. Indeed, such a claim so boldly and groundlessly asserted is a *Badge of Fraud,* and the Ph.D. which Lewis has in various ways vainly attempted to create for himself and which he often, wrongfully and deceptively, appends to his name is a device to mislead the credulous and the gullible. In fact, it has become the *trade mark* of his fraternal racketeering enterprise by virtue of long and constant usage.

The illusion of the Rosicrucian Order being a college or university for the teaching of the professions and liberal arts and conferring of degrees, "special" honors and titles or that has anything to do with such matters, is a fallacy begotten by ignorance of Rosicrucian fundamentals and conceived in the distorted imagination of the promoter of a spurious R. C. Order. On April 24, 1919, soon after he had fabricated his R. C. Order, which he first modeled after and in imitation of the Masonic Order, Lewis incorporated in the State of California the AMORC College of the United States of North America, the object of which, as set forth in the charter, is stated to be as follows:

> "For the purpose of promoting and cultivating the study and teaching of, and instruction in, Practical Chemistry, Applied Psychology and *Psycho-Analysis, Chiropractics* and the principles of *Osteopathy,* Hygiene and *Eugenics, Biology* and Ontology, Comparative Religion and *Theology,* Harmonic, Special Methods and Principles of Dietetics, Child Culture and Training, as well as *all* or *any other* sciences or studies usually or sometimes prescribed in the curriculum of colleges, universities, seminaries or other institutions of learning; such teaching, instruction and study to be imparted and received either orally and in person or by written correspondence trans-

> mitted through the mails or by both methods combined; and to issue and grant to the graduates of this college, after due, proper and conscientious examination of each subject and course of study, an appropriate and official diploma of graduation in specified subjects, said diploma carrying with it and conferring upon the graduate certain honorary titles and degrees of proficiency and graduation as are proper, consistent and conforming with general regard for the value of such honorary titles of proficiency."[9] (Our italics.)

From the beginning he has conducted his fabrication as a compound mystery of an order, fraternity, brotherhood, lodge with a system of subordinate lodges, and as a college and university with the college or university idea given prominence,[1] and when he incorporated his Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC on November 15, 1928, he incorporated it as a college or seminary *"to provide for instruction in such branches of learning as are taught in universities, colleges and other educationals,"*[2] as we shall see in Chapter Six.

Therefore, it should be apparent to all from what has been said and shown that "Sar" Lewis' ideas of Rosicrucian colleges and universities are all his own, totally unknown to the Rosicrucians until they were advised thereof by this charlatan and fraternal racketeer in the year of our Lord, A. D. 1919; and that, in truth, the same is a total and wholly ignorant misconception of the basic genius and sacred purpose of the Rosy Cross. Certainly the Rosy Cross, as an institution, has had nothing to do with the teaching of *"Chiropractics* and the principles of *Osteopathy,"* to say nothing of several other subjects and ideas foreign to the Rose Cross Order embraced within the curriculum of his AMORC College and Rose Croix University of North America.

As in the matter of his "International R. C. Councils and World Congresses" he was put to the necessity of proving the prior existence of "Rose Croix Universities" as established Rosicrucian institutions. However, since none such had ever existed he set about in his own unique way to create such an institution of "ancient lineage" and "of great antiquity."

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[9] Quoted *verbatim* from a certified copy of the charter of the AMORC College of the United States of North America.

[1] Note carefully his letterhead used from 1920 to 1925 at San Francisco, reproduced in our Reproduction No. 66, at the end of Chapter Five.

[2] Quoted from a certified copy of the charter of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC.

The Rose Croix University of Belgium

At or about the time he and his son Ralph were in Germany forming their alliance with *Fra Recnartus* and constructing their International Council Pansophia of Berlin, they contacted the young lawyer and M. & M. Mason, Jean Mallinger, of Brussels, with whom they also formed an alliance international for the benefit of AMORC and the promotion of Lewistonian fraternal racketeering.

Under the benign influence of the Lewises and the unlimited charter granting powers of *Sri (the Reverend) Sobhita Bhikku* of the Great White Lodge of Tibet—"ordained Priest of the Askrama in India," Lawyer Jean Mallinger during the latter part of 1931 or the early part of 1932 began the fabrication of the Rose Croix University of Belgium and the AMORC of Belgium, with the "Imperator for Europe" as its ostensible head. With the assistance of his newly created Masonic friends and "adepts," about which we learned in Part One of this chapter, he established in the year 1932 the "ancient" Lewistonian R. C. Order and the sham Rose Croix University "of great antiquity" in Belgium.

Not only did Mallinger and his newly created Masonic "adepts" create an alleged Rosicrucian Order in Belgium and this magnificent university of high standing (!) and great antiquity (!), but they conferred upon themselves *great honors* and the title of "Sar" or Doctor, gave unto themselves counterfeit initiate names or aliases, and signed all "official documents" with the seals of high Masons of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim,[3] and then to show their appreciation for the great inspiration and assistance of *Sri Sobhita Bhikku,* they made him a "Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences" and issued to him, their magnificent benefactor, his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1,"[4] which is neither Rosicrucian nor important.

Imperator for Europe

Danthine, Alias Hieronymus

In the scheme for the fabrication of the AMORC of Europe and the Rose Croix University for Belgium, "Dr." Lewis, alias

[3] See our Reproductions Nos. 49 and 52 and note said Masonic Signature seals preceding each signature.

[4] See our Reproduction No. 49.

Sar Alden, and his lawyer-Masonic confederate, "Dr." Mallinger, alias *Sar Elgim,*[5] needed a personage around whom they could build the myth of the *Venerable* "Imperator pour l'Europe." They found the right material, as if made to order for their purpose, in a Mr. Danthine, a file clerk librarian in the town of Huy, Belgium, having a population of about 14,000. He is a credulous, timid and hesitant individual—rather effeminate and of the extremely negative type. Having always taken orders from others, he expresses no opinions of his own and does as he is told to do without questioning or hesitation. He is not an occultist or mystic, although he is well read and has acquired considerable information from books. He is a stay-at-home body, excludes himself and is seldom seen at public functions. In recent years he has only appeared at three meetings or gatherings, one at a reunion of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, when he paraded with Mallinger and received the honors of the Column of the North. Another time he appeared at a meeting of the AMORC in Brussels, where he undertook to announce that all political views would be foreign to the organization, and finally at the Congress of Clandestinism, held in Brussels in August, 1934, at which time and place the role assigned to him was to sing the praise of the "Great Imperator of America," which, according to all accounts, he did very well. This is the man whom Lewis and Mallinger selected to be the mythical and venerable head of their recently fabricated and spurious R. C. Order and sham Rose Croix University in Belgium. They gave him the title of "Sar" and the nom de plume of *Hieronymus* and introduced him to the world as the Venerable Imperator of Europe and the Dean of the Rose Croix University of Belgium. However, all the affairs and business of the fabrication are arranged and attended to by Mallinger and their venerable myth is discreetly kept in the background and is inaccessible except when he has been schooled and carefully instructed for the occasion and the function he is to perform.

Mr. Danthine is a good man. Within himself he is harmless and is respected by his neighbors. However, he is of the negative, credulous type and in the hands of Lewis and Mallinger, his lawyer associate, he has become their willing and passive tool, without realizing they have made a myth of him and are using him as

[5] In Part One of this chapter, p. 251, *supra,* Jean Mallinger's nom de plume is erroneously stated to be Sar Elgin. It should be Elgim as above stated.

"window dress" for the accomplishment of their nefarious schemes and infamous purposes.

When the University was fabricated, it consisted of Mallinger, Danthine and six of Mallinger's "quick-made" Masonic adepts. These constituted the personnel and faculty of the Rose Croix University and the supreme council of the spurious AMORC of Europe.

This, briefly, is the background and the beginning of the Lewistonian AMORC in Europe and accounts for the origin of the Rose Croix University of Belgium, which issued the "Doctor's Degree" to Lewis, which he exalteth much and publishes as his *Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1.*

There Were No Rose Croix Universities

The reader will recall in the article quoted, in the beginning of this part, from *The Rosicrucian Digest,*[6] published under the name of Ralph M. Lewis, the Grand Secretary, that the claim was set forth therein that Rose Croix Universities had existed for centuries in foreign lands as a part of the activities of AMORC, and that they exhibited certain letters[7] from the newly fabricated Rose Croix University of Belgium as proof that such universities had so existed and do now exist in foreign countries, the same as their own fabricated and sham AMORC and Rose Croix Colleges and Universities in this country.

However, the statements made in said article concerning the great antiquity of those ancient universities are not true, according to the testimony of Ralph M. Lewis, the Grand Secretary, in the United States District Court at San Francisco, on February 20, 1936. After testifying that $69,600.00 of AMORC's funds had been set aside to the account of the Rose Croix University; that a similar sum had to be set aside to the account of the International Council, and that these funds were administered by himself and his father, Dr. Lewis, as trustees, he testified, quoting from the official record, as follows:

"When the Rose Croix University Fund was established there

[6] April, 1933, pp. 90 *et seq.*

[7] Shown in our Reproduction No. 48A.

was a Rose Croix University of the organization in this jurisdiction for subordinate research work, but *there was no Rose Croix University* of the Order in the *foreign jurisdictions* to carry on the work of the organizations in those jurisdictions. It was *our intention to establish a fund to further it there.*" (Our italics.)

"THE COURT: Where is this fund?

"A. It is in San Jose, California.

"Q. Intact?

"A. Yes.

"Q. Where?

"A. In the Bank of America.

"Q. How long has this fund been established?

"A. Oh, I think about four or five years. It has grown and accumulated since it was first started."[8]

Therefore, it appears that no such university existed in Belgium four or five years prior to February, 1936, or in the early part of 1931, but it does appear that the Lewises are determined to create, fabricate and maintain their subterfuges and devices of "Rose Croix Universities" abroad and "International R. C. Councils" at all hazards and at any cost. To that end they have set aside two separate cumulative funds, each for $69,600.00, now aggregating more than $139,200.00, to maintain such subterfuges and devices in Europe for the promotion of their fraternal business in America. These huge funds for propaganda and the creation and maintenance of fraudulent devices are in the hands and under the exclusive and unrestricted control of H. Spencer Lewis and his son, to be spent in the manner and at such time as they deem it for their own best interests and as will best serve and promote their family racket.

They Are and Are Not Universities

In testifying in the United States District Court in the same case on the 25th day of February, 1936, H. Spencer Lewis[9] explained their reason for setting aside those huge funds and that their so-

[8] Case of *ROY W. AND A. E. SMITH vs. AMORC AND THE LEWISES, Reporter's Transcript,* p. 64. See also pp. 62, 63, 65 and 85.

[9] Same case as in Note 8, *Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 210-211.

called universities are *not* universities after all, but "an association of activities," just "a system of investigation and studies." His illuminating explanation, quoted from the official record, is as follows:

> "My pledges and promises to the organization in Europe were that whatever possible profits came out of dues or books or from any source of revenue were to be kept in reserve funds to help the other organizations in the same manner that France had helped me.[1] The Council of the organization in France spent considerable money in having copies made of manuscripts and other things to give me and to send to me from time to time, and so we promised to keep the reserve fund in the name of the International Council, upon which they could draw and from which we could use money to help, which we have done at times, to help other delegates go to world conventions. And we were asked to maintain a Rosæ Croix University Fund, in the sense that the word 'Universitatis,' the Latin word, is used over there, not in America. In the sense that it is used in the Latin form by the organization, *'universitatis' doesn't mean a building. It means a people of scientific or learned activities.* And the *Rosæ Croix University of Europe is not a group of buildings or a group of students, but an association of activities, a system of investigation and studies.* And so I promised to set aside some of our reserve funds for that purpose, in addition to what funds we had set aside for our own future activities, and it was understood that neither myself nor any officer nor any member could ever use any of those reserve funds; that if we drew anything it must be on a salary[2] basis exclusively." (Our italics.)

It is obvious that this explanation is a subterfuge. The real purpose of these huge funds and the use for which they are intended is apparent. Let us note carefully and keep in mind his explanation and definition of his sham and counterfeit Rose Croix Universities. They are not buildings but people of scientific or learned activities, that is to say, learned in intricate schemes and scientific racketeering. "And the Rosae Croix University of Europe [*i.e.*, of Belgium] is *not a group of buildings,* or a *group of students,* but *an association of activities,* a system of investigation and studies."

One may wonder and ponder how, for what reason and under what authority such "an association of activities" and a "system

[1] We shall consider the manner in which France helped him in Chapter Five.

[2] The salaries of the Lewises shall receive consideration in Chapter Six.

of investigation and studies" confers academic and other singular or unique titles and degrees and what virtues they possess, their ultimate value or intrinsic worth.

That Strange R. C. University

"Does Have Buildings and Students"

But, according to another of his versions, also given under oath, that strange and unique Rose Croix University—of the Lewises, Mallinger and their "Masonic adepts" in Belgium—does occupy buildings, have students and courses in the various sciences and arts. Moreover, it has been operating *one hundred years,* and is recognized as a college.

On the 26th day of June, 1933, in the Superior Court of California at San Jose, in the case of *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith,* H. Spencer Lewis testified as to the nature and character of said university. Let us carefully compare it with his testimony in 1936 in the Federal Court above quoted. His testimony in 1933 is as follows:

> "Q. Now, in regard to all the various degrees given you, you said you received Ph.D from the Rose Croix University of Belgium?
>
> "A. Yes, sir, have the certificate.
>
> "Q. In what city is it located?
>
> "A. Brussels.
>
> "Q. How many students?
>
> "A. I don't know.
>
> "Q. Has any buildings?
>
> "A. *It has been operating 100 years.*[3]
>
> "Q. *It is recognized as a college?*
>
> "A. *Yes, sir.*
>
> "Q. What courses do they give?
>
> "A. *Various sciences and arts.*[4]

[3] Compare this statement with the statements in the article quoted beginning of this part of this chapter.

[4] Compare this statement with his explanation of the nature of this "University," with his explanation of such universities made in the Federal Court above quoted.

"Q. Isn't that a fact it is a Rosæ Crucis organization?

"A. All officers and directors are Rosæ Crucians the same as a Roman Catholic University might be all Roman Catholics.

"Q. It is not like Stanford or University of California?

"A. I don't know that.

"Q. What is that?

"A. *They have students who are not Rosæ Crucians.*

"Q. *Can you go and get B.A. four years' course* in this college?

"A. You can take any of their courses, *yes.*

"Q. As a matter of fact, Doctor, isn't it a Rosæ Crucian organization such as you have here that gives degrees to their members as they see fit?

"A. *No, it is not.*

"Q. Did you pursue any course of study?

"A. No, it was an honorary degree, stated it as such.

"Q. If we were to write to Belgium, to that town, we would get a reply from the University?

"A. Absolutely, quite a few letters.

"Q. It has buildings and a faculty?

"A. I am not sure whether they own or rent buildings; they have a large organization; must have some place in which they meet.

"Q. You don't know how many students they have?

"A. No, sir.

"Q. Don't know they have one?

"A. I am in correspondence with thirty; they have that many, anyway."[5] (Our italics.)

Inconsistent Subterfuge

It is truly remarkable how brazenly inconsistent these fraternal racketeers can be—yet still stay in business and prosper financially at the expense of the gullible and credulous! We have shown when, how and why the sham Rose Croix University of Belgium was fab-

[5] *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith, Transcript on Appeal,* pp. 519, 520 and 521.

ricated and have quoted at length some of the major inconsistent statements made by the Lewises, relating to this sham University and concerning their so-called Rose Croix Universities, so that the reader may clearly see that there are *no* Rose Croix Universities such as claimed by them, except their own spurious fabrications. Hence, it must be obvious that said title of "Sar" or "Dr." and the degree of "Doctor of Psychological and Hermetic Sciences" conferred upon H. Spencer Lewis by said spurious fabrication is a *Badge of Fraud;* that certificate thereof—his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1"—is a delusion and snare, and that they are using the sham Rose Croix University of Belgium as a *fraudulent device* to promote their fraternal racket and to perpetuate their Masonic-Rose Croix swindle.

Tibet—the Far-Off Mythical and Unknown

Grand, glorious, mystical and unknown Tibet, how many occult frauds and mystic swindles have been committed in thy name and under the shadows of her majestic and inaccessible mountains! Ah, how many mystic mountebanks, fake yogis, pseudo masters, fraternal racketeers and occult swindlers have traveled, in their imagination, to Mount Everest and dwelt, in their glowing description, in the very heart of the Gobi desert of Mongolia to receive their inspiration and "authority" to go forth to deceive the world and to swindle the unwary and gullible population thereof and to sell their priceless secrets and mystic pearls of great price to anyone who has the price, in lump sum or on the installment plan of $5.00 down and $2.00 per month.

Manly P. Hall, of Los Angeles, California, a distinguished student of philosophy, mysticism and occultism, eminent lecturer and author on such subjects, being aware of the frauds and swindles that have been committed with Tibet for their background and unsubstantial foundation, in 1933 wrote and published a warning article on this subject, that is to warn all who would take heed and profit thereby. The article, which was published in his magazine, *The All-Seeing Eye,* April, 1933, at pages 218 to 221, both inclusive, constitutes such an appropriate introduction to the subject matter with which we are here and now dealing, that we take the liberty to quote Mr. Hall's article in full, as follows:

A Seven-Day Wonder

The American Mahatma

"The Swamis and Yogis of years gone by have suggested another method of exploiting the American grass widow with an inhibited yearning for romance. Comes, therefore, a group of American carpet-baggers posing under such elegant-sounding appellations as Super-Yogi, Maha-Swami, Para-Guru, to say nothing of such insignificant terms as Rishi, Arhat and Mahatma. Aware, with true Occidental perspicacity, of the financial possibilities of Oriental occultism, the American fakirs decided to cut in on the Asiatics and run them out of business. The result is that there sprang up all over the white man's world queer-looking persons, each of whom was the 'only white man who has ever been initiated into the ultimate secrets of the East Indian adepts.' This idea of a seven-day wonder who had enjoyed an exclusive interview with a demi-god caught the fancy of thousands who had grown tired of the ouija-board, and we now have an exceptionally choice exhibit of over-initiated Americans who are *expounding profound methods of Hindu spiritual culture that no East Indian ever heard of.* (Our italics.)

"May we introduce you to an American Mahatma *per se.* If you can imagine some five feet of baldheaded importance utterly incapable of speaking the English language or any other, *who pompously announces himself as the only individual with spiritualized intelligence since Christ, you will have a full-length portrait of the self-styled Sovereign Supreme Pontif of the very secret and mysterious Brotherhood of Perfection Plus,*[6] with headquarters right in the center of the Gobi Desert of Mongolia. This gorgeous example of manhood studied for nineteen years under Swami Yogi Guru Mahatma Dyana Chohan Hyranagharba Ishwara, etc., who has a hut hidden away right on the peak of Mount Everest. This most worthy, non-existing Seer one day happened to see the American Mahatma strolling by—he always walked up Mount Everest before breakfast—and called out to him in words like this: 'I haven't spoken to anyone for ninety-nine years, but I think you have an honest face and, therefore, for no reason whatever I'm going to tell you all I know, so that you can go to America with it and sell it to any-

[6] The italics are ours. Does not that part of Mr. Hall's description in italics accurately describe our *Most Perfect Master Profundis; Rex, Universitatis Illuminati;* Ordained Priest of the *Ashrama* of India, and *Sri Sobhita Bhikku* as Prelate and Secret Chief of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet? See pp. 136-137, *supra,* for Lewis' descriptions of his Supreme High Council of the Universe of the Great White Lodge.

one who has the price. I dub you Sir Mahatma. Go forth and "gyp" the earth.'

"Filled with a holy zeal and a number of good business ideas, the new Mahatma ran down Mount Everest and, returning to this country as fast as he could—that is, if he ever left it—started out on his triumphant march to fame and wealth. He arrives in our fair city. Five unknown persons have written testimonials substantiating his claims, and he is willing to share his beatific consciousness with a select number of pupils at fifty dollars a complete course, including miscellaneous charts and stunning, impelling portrait of the 'adept.' This same person informs us incidentally that he is founder of the Perfection Plus Clubs all over this country and is only remaining in America long enough to pick up the available small change before he returns to Mount Everest and 'divvies' up with the centenarian on the top. Lest we fail to note his exceeding dignity, the American Mahatma incidentally is an honorary member of the Transvaal Biochemic League, the Punjam Society of Master Mystics, the Ancient and Honorable Order of Lhassa Lamas and a charter co-founder of the Secret Kneuf Councils of Heliopolis. If the truth of the matter were sifted out, it might be revealed that the 'Mahatma' was in reality a veterinary who, finding his practice suffering through the activities of Henry Ford, read two books on Yogi by a resident of New Jersey and started out in quest of easy money.

"If by some unforeseen chance the American Mahatma should meet someone who 'knew him when' and who consequently was in a position to disprove his numerous claims, the conversation that would ensue might be something like this:

"Stranger to Mahatma: 'Why, hello, Joe, what's this I hear about you being in Tibet? Why, you've never been anywhere nearer Tibet than Hoboken.'

"Mahatma to Stranger (in icy tone): 'Why will you never understand the secrets of the soul? Of course, I was in Tibet, but it was in the astral body.'

"There are East Indian adepts who claim to have disciples in *America, but they are never represented in this country by these self-termed Apostles of Perfection.* (Our italics.) One old Hindu that I met in Calcutta told me that no one was worthy to study with a Mahatma until he was capable of contacting this exalted intelligence telepathically while in meditation. The only way that the 'American Mahatma' can perform telepathy is to buy the little code book for two dollars which describes the famous Anna Eva Fay method of conveying the answer to a question by code arrangement of words used in asking it.

"No Hindu 'adept' is complete unless he has a brand-new way of 'raising the Kundalini.' This is the foundation of nearly all the so-called secret instructions. Trick breathing may also be included in the repertoire, but this is not as popular as it used to be because too many of the Mahatmas have destroyed their own health-giving demonstrations of their method.

"Fancy, hemstitched breathing is regarded as having peculiar virtue and sometimes, if greatly aided by the morbid imagination, produces results commonly termed 'very spiritual.' If these various miscellaneous 'Mahatmas' would only confine their activities to raving, ranting and demonstrating, about the only thing they would do would be to exterminate themselves, which would be no great loss. They pass their nonsense on to others, however, and in some cases this becomes serious.

"People come to me all the time, seeking relief from desperate conditions brought on by foolish attempts to become spiritual by a patent process. Some of these cases are quite hopeless, and only death can liberate the sufferer from the results of his indiscretions. Insanity claims quite a few, and nearly all are shattered nervously and physically. They have hallucinations and even, under some conditions, a state resembling epilepsy. The nervous system is also so badly deranged that a state of supersensitiveness arises which brings on a general decrease in physical efficiency, morbid fears, inferiority complexes and many other equally lamentable conditions. To disturb the natural rhythm by abnormal methods of living, thinking, breathing, meditating or concentrating on hopeless and meaningless abstractions is to unbalance the whole system and bring the body and mind to a common ruin. In the meantime the victorious Mahatma, finding complications beyond his control, is conveniently called by his Master to a new field of activities, leaving the wreckage to drift to what port it can.

"Once upon a time there was a sort of 'Mahatma' of this calibre who attempted the most daring 'gyp' of all. He decided to take his whole group over to India to meet his Master, so he made an arrangement with a transportation company by which he got a commission on each passage booked and trotted his herd of followers to an out-of-the-way place where they were to see great and wonderful things. Of course, the Master didn't show up, and the pseudo-Mahatma was profuse in his apologies and, strange as it may seem, his followers swallowed his excuses, came home like nice little children and kept on believing in him. On another occasion a 'Master' was actually produced, but he was arrested afterwards when it was proved that his whiskers were false and that he had been hired and

coached for the part. And, wonders to excess, the 'Mahatma' is still believed in by people who insist that they saw him and conveniently forgot the exposé that followed.[7]

"If anyone in the ordinary walks of life should take people on a wild-goose chase under false promises and misrepresentation, costing each one several hundred dollars, he would be arrested for promoting a swindle. But because the swindle centered around a non-existing Master it came under the general heading of the dark and mysterious ways of 'faith' wholly beyond the comprehension of ordinary mortals. When you see some of the things that people believe in it is difficult to imagine how humanity has survived as long as it has. *The salvation of men lies in the hands of the God who protects fools from their own foolishness.*" (Our italics.)

Another Fake Hierophant of Great White Brotherhood Lodge

A few years prior to 1919 there arrived in San Francisco a wandering Persian, who alleged that he was the Pontiff of the Buddhist Church of the Dharma and Grand Hierophant of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge in the sacred mountains of Tibet, for the "Occidental World"—whatever that means. As the Pontiff of his alleged and pretended church of the Dharma he called himself Bishop Massananda, as the Grand Hierophant, Pontiff, Prelate and Secret Chief of the mythical, non-existent Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, signed himself by a long, imposing, unreadable signature,[8] with flourishes, which may be abbreviated as Sri E. L. A. M. M. Kahn. This Oriental *Fakir* was roundly denounced and pronounced an *Arch-Impostor* by genuine Buddhists in the Orient as well as in the Occident, in Europe as well as in America. That he was a *Fakir* and pretender is true beyond all doubt. The Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, wholly

[7] In 1929, Lewis took a large number of his members on a wild-goose chase on a "Mystic Tour" to Egypt, the Holy Lands and Europe at a cost of $975.00 each, plus incidental expenses. In Egypt he and they were "initiated" into higher mystic Rosicrucianism by a non-existent, non-appearing, etheric, cosmic Master. In this way he established his Egyptian Lodge. Since then he has boasted often and loudly of his super-Rosicrucian initiation in Egypt and has used said Egyptian Lodge as a device. Miss Myrtle Crane, of Detroit, and others who went on this Mystic excursion to the Cosmic resigned and denounced it as a hoax. See p. 41, *supra*.

[8] See his signature on Lewis' "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2," shown in our Reproduction No. 51.

unknown in Tibet or the Orient, is a myth and a spurious fabrication, made in America, and hatched out in the warm, sunny clime of Golden California. It has likewise been denounced and declared to be a non-existent entity, a fabulous fake and an extravagant myth by occulists, mystics and Orientals in both hemispheres.

On August 17, 1920, "Bishop Massananda," alias "Sri Khan," ordained H. Spencer Lewis a Priest in his alleged Buddhist Church and conferred upon him the nom de plume of *Sobhita Bhikku*, which—if he really were a Bhikku—would make him a member of the Order of Buddha, a novel and singular honor to confer upon a Methodist.[9] However, Lewis cherished the "honor" and has adopted the title as his own.[1]

The fake Buddhist Bishop and the convert to his spurious Buddhism, the newly ordained Priest, became very chummy and in their idle hours and in their imaginative moments together they fashioned, fabricated and manufactured a strange and unique document which purports to be a charter of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, conferring upon Harvé Spencer Lewis, Ph.D., as the "Beloved and Respected Reverend" *Sobhita Bhikku*, in the "Occidental Section," all the rights, powers and privileges of the "Oriental Section"—which were *nil*—but to be effective and exercised only after the transition of Sri E. L. A. M. Massananda Khan, the original fakir and impostor. This marvelous (!) document and charter (?) was signed, sealed and delivered on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1920, in the presence of three then members of AMORC, who signed it as witnesses. This fabrication Mr. Lewis esteems highly, and declares it to be his Important Document No. 2.[2]

"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2"

In his official organ, *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1933, at page 317, H. Spencer Lewis, "Ph.D.," published a fac-simile of the fabricated charter issued by the "Venerable Sri Khan," the

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[9] Lewis has often declared himself to be a Methodist. See his biography, *Rosicrucian Manual* (1934), p. 129.

[1] See his statement beneath his photograph in our Reproduction No. 50.

[2] It will be recalled that the "document" conferring the degree and title "Sar" or "Doctor" is a very important thing and is his Important Document No. *One*. See our Reproduction No. 49 at the end of this part.

fake Heirophant of the faked and non-existent Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, which we have also reproduced in facsimile herein.[3] This unique and "very large document" reads as follows:

G-W-B-L

SALUTATIONS

"In the name of KAR-GYA-PA, the Venerable Founder of the G·.·W·.·B·.·L·.· in the sacred mountains of Thibet, and in the name of his apostolic successors, as NARPA, MILA-BA-PA, OM-RAH MAH, KAR-MA-BAKSHI, KAR-MA-PA, *et al.*

"By this Proclamation be it known that, in accordance with instructions, decrees, powers and mandamuses issued unto me by the *Venerable* Head and Pontiff of the G. W. B. L., whose *secret mark and name are revealed* and *concealed* within this document, and with the right, authority and sole permission, as Prelate, Master and Secret Head for the *Occident of the World*, I, the undersigned, as a Messenger of Light, and we, as such as are sealed and signed hereto and hereas, institute and establish in the Occident of the World for and during the Aquarian Cycle, the Occidental Section of the G·.·W·.·B·.·L·.· to be and to continue to be an active body with all the privileges as of the Oriental Section to accept and admit members who have been duly tried through the grades of the recognized and approved Order, to confer upon them the rights and powers of the G·.·W·.·B·.·L·.· and to affiliate them with the Oriental Section of the G·.·W·.·B·.·L·.· [Note the inverted points.]

"And by this document is also proclaimed the appointment of the Beloved and Respected *Reverand*[4] *Sobhita Bhikku*, ordained by me August 17, 1920, in California, U. S. A., known to the world as Harvé Spencer Lewis, *Ph.D.,* so titled and honored by the *Indian Academy of Sciences,* India, to be the successor in apostolic succession to us as Prelate and Secret Chief of the G·.·W·.·B·.·L·.· after the transition of the undersigned. [For signature see our Reproduction No. 51.] Dated: October 20, 1920 A.D., 2508 A.B.—3273 R.C. in San Francisco, California, U. S. A. (Our italics.)

"WITNESSED BY: Maud Moore, Willard C. Moore, Colombe H. Reisener."

[3] For a fac-simile of this Important Document No. 2, see our Reproduction No. 51 at the end of this part.

[4] Spelling as in the original. See our Reproduction No. 51.

Did Not Trust Sri Khan

It will be observed that this outrageous fabrication is witnessed by Maud Moore, Willard C. Moore and Colombe H. Reisener.[5] It is evident that the Reverend Sobhita Bhikku, Ph.D., did not trust the *Venerable* Sri Khan. He was afraid that the "Venerable" Impostor might renege on him and denounce this important fabrication as being spurious. Therefore, to prevent such an unhappy ending to their little game of make-believe and to prove the authenticity of this "most interesting document," he had it and the "signature thereto" duly witnessed by three of his own members. By three witnesses, we suppose, because it appears to be the last Will and Testament of the Venerable Impostor Ancestor and did not take effect until after his death. But, except for the suspicion of *Sri Sobhita Bhikku, Ph.D.,* to have it witnessed at all seems to be entirely unnecessary, for is it not "denominated in the bond" and clearly set forth in the instrument that it is all done "in accordance with the instructions, decrees, powers and mandamuses" of the "Venerable Head and Pontiff of the G. W. B. L., whose secret mark and name are revealed and concealed within this document?" Does that not prove its high authenticity and make it unimpeachable and unquestionable? Then of what virtue is the sheer witnessing signature of a mere mortal? Certainly this is the best joke of the twentieth century thus far, at least.

In all the annals of occult orders, mystic societies and fraternities the unique procedure and method of having charters, official communications and documents witnessed by third parties not officers or Secretaries thereof is unparalleled and wholly without precedent.

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[5] The daughter of William Reisener, of San Francisco, who was financing Lewis' activities at that time. See Chapter Two, pp. 96 and 97, *supra.* Concerning Lewis' ordination as a priest in the alleged Buddhist Church, Mr. William Reisener, in a recent interview, stated: "When he became a priest in the Buddhist Church, I and my family were very much disgusted. I do not know this Sri E. L. A. M. M. Khan. Maybe that is some name he gave, but I do not know. Mr. Lewis was made a priest in the Church of the Dharma by Bishop Massananda, who headed one of the Buddhist sects. Lewis was given the name of Sobhita, or something very similar. I do not remember the exact day, but it was some time in the early 1920s. I and my family were present at the ordination ceremony. Mr. Lewis said when he first took up this church work that he wanted to be able to do like other priests and ministers—something good for humanity—visit the sick, help the fallen, and so on, and at first I believed him. But in time the real truth came out. He wanted to use it and he did use it for propaganda purposes for AMORC."

Charter and official documents of secret orders, societies and fraternities are not witnessed in such manner. Authentic fraternal documents require no such subterfuge as being witnessed in such fashion.

The fact, *per se,* that Lewis had this alleged charter and "important document" witnessed in the manner aforesaid makes a very suspicious instrument more suspicious—it is a *Badge of Fraud* proclaiming the spuriousness of this so-called important document. He could not have made this clearer, unless he had written in bold, black letters across its face, "Witness: *This is a Delusion and a Fraud.*" However, that was not necessary, because, upon its face, it appears to be a fraud. Here fraud lights a candle for justice to see the *truth.* Presently we shall take a close look at this "Charter" and point out its *prima facie* BADGES OF FRAUD.

As Described and Explained by Lewis

Beneath the fac-simile reproduction of the foregoing "very large document," in reality a monstrosity, Lewis describes and explains it in these words:

> "The above is a greatly reduced photograph of a very large document on parchment issued by the *Venerable* Sri E. L. A. M. M. Khan, *Hierophant* of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge for the *Occidental World* by authority of the Pontiff of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet. It is issued to the Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, conferring upon him the *Brotherhood name of Sri (Reverend) Sobhita Bhikku* and appointing him to be the successor in apostolic succession to the position and power of the *Venerable* Sri Khan after the transition of the latter, with all of the rights and authorities to 'institute and establish in the *Occident of the World,* for and during the Aquarian Cycle, the Occidental Section of the Great White Brotherhood Lodge, to be and to continue to be an active body with all of the *privileges as of the Oriental Section,* to accept and admit members who have been duly tried through the grades of the recognized and approved Order, to confer upon them the rights and powers of the G. W. B. L and to affiliate them with the Oriental Section of the G. W. B. L.'
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> "The document is signed and *witnessed* on the 20th day of October, 1920 A.D. (2508 A.B.—3273 R.C.). The Venerable Sri Khan passed through transition in December of 1931, from which time the *powers* conferred upon the Imperator of AMORC *became active.*

> This *charter* [?] and *unique* document [so it is!] establishes the position of the Rosicrucian Order of AMORC in North America as the 'recognized and approved Order' for the preparation and training of those Adepts who may become affiliated with the G. W. B. L. This is one of the most interesting of the many documents that we will illustrate from time to time."[6] (Our italics.)

The Awful Power of an Impostor

Conferred by an Impostor Upon an Impostor

The foregoing description of the *"Venerable Sri" (Reverend) Khan,* fake Hierophant of the mythical Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet for the "Occidental World," by *Sri (Reverend) Sobhita Bhikku, Ph.D.,* is a trifle overdone. "Venerable" and "Reverend" are practically synonymous. Giving this arch-pretender and counterfeit Heirophant of a non-existent entity a double coat of Veneration and Reverence is not an attempt to gild a lily, but to make a monk out of a devil, and to establish himself a fitting and apt successor in apostolic succession—or occult racketeering—to the position and power of an Oriental impostor. Water poured on a duck's back is without effect, so, also, too much and fulsome praise bestowed upon a questionable and precarious predecessor by his over-ambitious and megalomaniacal successor is often a *Badge of Fraud* of the first magnitude.

This spurious charter by its terms and according to Lewis' understanding, as above stated, did not confer any of the alleged and pretended power, rights or authority of *Sri Khan* upon *Sri Bhikku* until after the death of the former, which did not occur until December, 1931. However, that fact, *if* it was a fact, and that provision of the spurious Charter were promptly disregarded by Lewis, for we find him assuming full "powers and authority" long before the sod had grown over the grave of Sri Khan, and in September, 1921, declaring himself to be the recipient of the most unusual honors and powers from "the Supreme High Council of the Universe" and making the most startling announcements through his "Great White Collegium Lodge," by which he established (!) "that AMORC is the only organization, body, society or group of Rosicrucians in America (or in the world, for that matter,) having

[6] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1933, p. 317.

the approval, recognition and direction of the Supreme High Council of all ancient and modern Secret Rites."[7] This action on the part of Lewis and his assumption of all powers of Sri Khan's fabrication show that he had no respect for the "Venerable Sri Khan" and no regard for the provisions of the spurious charter. He knew it was spurious, he acted accordingly and his actions betray his words and reveal the spuriousness of the document which he thought was concealed therein with the secret mark and the name of the Venerable Head and Pontiff of the G. W. B. L.

A Sham Upon Its Face

Let us make a critical examination of this alleged charter said to be granted by a fabled and non-existent lodge in far-off Tibet—this spurious document which Mr. Lewis claims to be Rosicrucian and important. Will the reader kindly refer to the *fac-simile* reproduction of this document, being Reproduction No. 51 at the end of this part, and follow closely as the discrepancies, fallacies and *badges of spuriousness* are pointed out.

To the average person in America who knows nothing of symbolism; who knows not the difference between the symbols of the Jews, Egyptians, Christians and Buddhists; who does not recognize the symbols of Black Magic; who does not know the fundamental differences between the teachings of the Rosicrucians and the Buddhists, and who has not read this document, as published by Lewis, with a magnifying glass, it may appear to be a charter, an important Rosicrucian document and an impressive picture of Lewistonian greatness and his ultra-supreme authority and power. Such persons are likely to swallow all of the false and foolish statements made by Lewis about this counterfeit charter with gullible smiles and credulous satisfaction. But to those *who know*—who have *even* an elementary knowledge of the subjects above mentioned—this so-called charter appears upon its face to be a snare and a delusion. It carries its own intrinsic proof of its invalidity and requires no extrinsic evidence to show that it is a poorly constructed and makeshift counterfeit.

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[7] *The Mystic Triangle,* September, 1921, p. 1. For full quotation of his claims under this charter and through the "Great White Lodge," as published in said *Mystic Triangle,* see Chapter Three, pp. 136-137, *supra.*

It purports to be a Buddhist document. How do we know? Well, it purports to issue from an alleged Lodge having its abode "in the Sacred Mountains of Tibet," wherein reside the high Buddhist Order or Orders. It makes, or rather pretends to make a full-fledged *Bhikku* out of the Imperator of the Lewistonian Hierarchy of Occult Racketeering. Lewis says that it confers upon him the "Brotherhood name of Sri (Reverend) Sobhita Bhikku." *If* that be true, *then* it makes him a member of the Order of Buddha, and that, *if* true, should be sufficient to establish the Buddhistic nature of the document. However, those who know Lewis and his habits of life know that he has never conformed to the discipline of a Buddhist, which is essential to membership in the High and Sacred Order of Buddha. Besides, membership in that Order is never conferred as a "special honor," especially upon an occult pretender and mystic racketeer. To *become* a Buddhist, like unto *becoming* a Rosicrucian, one must *follow the teachings* and *live the life.*

In the beginning of the document are given the supposed-to-be names of several Tibetan personages, as "the founder" and "apostolic successors" of the alleged and mythical Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet. All of this establishes, beyond doubt, that the fabricators of the aforesaid document intended it to be, or to purport to be, a Buddhist "Charter" of a Tibetan Order. But most of the names are misspelled and are given out of their historic sequence, which is only one of the several things which shows that it is a spurious Buddhist document.

Whereas, it is intended to be a Buddhist "Charter," one would expect to find the Elephant upon this supposedly Buddhist charter and as a part of its symbolism, since the Elephant, as is well known, is the symbol in Buddhism of endurance and solitary strength.[8] It is too bad the Elephant was omitted—it needs a symbol of endurance and strength to bolster it.

Misconceived Symbolism

The symbolism of this supposed-to-be Buddhist document was conceived in ignorance and it was fabricated and executed with foolish and child-like skullduggery. Let us take into consideration

[8] *Story of Buddha and Buddhism,* Brian Brown, p. 208. David McKay, publisher.

the jumbled symbols, so unfittingly messed up and inappropriately used. At the top is a conspicuous *inverted triangle* and in the body the initial letters of "G·.·W·.·B·.·L·.·" are separated by inverted points. These are the signs and symbols of Black Magic. No genuine Buddhist Order or organization ever practiced Black Magic or used these signs or symbols. In the inverted triangle at the top is a Christian Cross, with a Mosaic serpent upon it. The symbol within itself is entirely proper,[9] but upon a supposed-to-be Buddhist document it is inappropriate and out of place. No real Buddhist ever inserted a Christian Cross with a Mosiac Serpent entwined around it within an inverted triangle. That is obvious and certain. Everyone should know that the Buddhists do not use Mosaic or Christian symbols. Such mixed-up, inconsistent and repugnant symbolism is the handiwork of ignorant charlatans and pseudo occultists. Imposed upon the body of the document is a poorly executed, exaggerated and elongated Egyptian Crux Ansata, which is entirely foreign to Buddhist symbolism and which, it is certain, no Tibetan Order or Buddhist organization ever used or would use on any of their documents. The document is ornamented and decorated with a series of supposed-to-be "mystical" Hebrew letters or characters that are impressive to the eye but which have no meaning at all.[1] And, finally, it is sealed with the Jewish seal of Solomon and witnessed by three American members of Lewis' Tibetan-Masonic-Rosicrucian fabrication—now his family racket. Aside from the fact that it is written in atrocious English, the stupidity of its flagrant mistakes and foolish inconsistencies, the conjured contradictory symbols and the inappropriate use thereof on this alleged Buddhist Charter of a mythical Tibetan Lodge, upon its face, shows it to be faked and entirely spurious. Thus *"Counterfeit"* in bold design is written fully across its face so that all who care to read may know that Lewis' "Important" Buddhistic "Rosicrucian Document No. 2" is a farcical delusion used as a *fraudulent device* to promote and

[9] It will be remembered that Lewis criticized the author severely and without justification for the proper use of this symbol. See Chapter Three, pp. 173 to 178, and our Reproductions Nos. 35, 36 and 37, pp. 207, 208 and 209. Here it is inserted in a symbol of Black Magic and most inappropriately used on the second most important of his most important documents.

[1] We have submitted this Hebrew lettering to several Rabbis and Hebrew scholars, who inform us that the arrangement of these Hebrew letters show utter ignorance of the Hebrew and that the words attempted to be formed have no meaning. It is a crude trickery that tells its own story.

to perpetuate his Great White Lodge-Masonic-Rosicrucian Swindle.

The Great White Brotherhood

The aforesaid fake charter was willfully designed as issuing from a "Great White Brotherhood Lodge" so as to secure the advantage of the impression which the similarity of names would most likely and naturally leave, to wit: that it issued from a lodge which is a component part of or closely associated with the *Great White Brotherhood,* as if the Great White Brotherhood were an *apostolic* system, a physical entity, or an existing physical organization, officered by a Hierophant and a complete roster of executive officials dressed in full regalia and issuing pronouncements and edicts for the government of the occult, mystic and fraternal world, and granting charters of all-inclusive powers and authority, to a self-appointed megalomaniac-Imperator, who thereunder issued a spurious Masonic Charter to a clandestine Freemasonic Grand Sovereign Sanctuary[2] and to organize thereunder a comical federation of spurious and clandestine orders, with the participation of one or two misled orders, called the FUDOSI, controlled by a *Supreme Triangle* (or a Council of Three), composed of three so-called Imperators, who, with egotistical buffoonery, presumed to pass upon the regularity and authenticity of all the initiatic orders, mystic societies and fraternities of the world, of which Lewis—the Chief Imperator of the immaculate three,[3] has said: "No more *competent* body of *judges of initiatic orders* could be formed anywhere in the world. Its decisions *must be final. . . .*"[4] (Our italics.)

Since the GREAT WHITE BROTHERHOOD is held in sacred reverence and spoken of with supreme respect by initiates of all occult orders; by mystics of all mystical societies, and by members of all fraternities and religious orders and organizations, and being of

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[2] See Part One of this chapter, pp. 249-255, *supra,* where it is shown that Lewis issued a spurious Masonic charter to a group of clandestine Masons who helped him hold the great Convention of Clandestinism for the formation of his FUDOSI. All of which is supposed to have been done with the sanction of the alleged Great White Brotherhood Lodge or "Great White Lodge."

[3] See our Reproduction No. 52 at end of this part.

[4] These claims are made by the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, pp. 375 to 380. The quotation will be found on p. 380, last paragraph. This article and these bombastic claims are to be presently reviewed at length.

highest standing and coming under the universal tongue of good report, therefore, occult pretenders, arch-impostors and mystic swindlers diligently endeavor and persistently pretend to be connected with it, as a *device,* for the furtherance of their nefarious schemes, exactly on the same theory and for the same reason that "the devil a monk would be" to better accomplish the evil designs of their fraudulent business.

Lewis has long associated his operations as a fraternal racketeer, pseudo occultist and mystic swindler with the *Great White Lodge* of the Theosophists; with the "Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet," *purely mythical,* and with the *Great White Brotherhood,* a universal institution of high esteem among mortals and celestial beings. Since the date of said fake charter in 1920, he has made many confusing claims concerning his "affiliations," but always in the manner so as to confuse the mythical-fabricated "Great White Lodge of Tibet"; the White Lodge of the Theosophists and the *Great White Brotherhood,* and with the design to leave the deep and sure, but utterly false, impression that his despicable fraternal racketeering and malicious swindling has the sanction of and is under the protection and guidance of the *Great White Brotherhood.* Thus he designs and pretends to give uprightness and dignified goodness to that which is so bad as to shame the devil and make him envious.

What Is the White Brotherhood?

It can best be understood by considering *what it is* and *what it is not.* To the Mystic and Occultist it is that band, body or association of Invisible Masters and Elder Brothers who have finished their pilgrimage on earth and in material realms, and who, from celestial realms, govern mystic societies and occult orders on earth. To the Rosicrucians it is those Invisible Initiate Masters, no longer in the body of flesh, who have perfected, illuminated and immortalized their souls, who constitute the Invisible Hierarchies of the Fraternity and Brotherhood and who direct the order by and through conscious contact with the initiates and masters of the order and brotherhood on earth. To all systems of esoteric religions it is the angels, archangels and invisible powers who assist the Almighty God or Divine Providence in the government of the Universe and

direct the destinies of mankind.

The Mystic knows and his follower on the path believes that all Mystic Societies are governed by the invisible Elder Brothers. The Initiate Occultist knows and all neophytes on the way to initiation believe that all occult orders are governed by the invisible Masters or Hierarchies. And all religionists believe that their Church and the destinies of man are governed or in some way affected by the action of angels or invisible creatures or powers. All mystic, occult and religious literature confirms this knowledge or belief. Therefore, Mr. Lewis has designed to take full advantage thereof by attempting to establish himself, assisted by two other so-called and bogus Imperators, as the "Supreme Triangle" of the FUDOSI for the government of all the Mystic Societies and Occult Orders of the world, under the alleged auspices of the mythical "Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet," by virtue of said spurious charter of the Arch-Impostor, Sri Khan.

In a general sense, the Great White Brotherhood is that invisible, immaterial and intangible entity or association of Masters, Elder Brothers, Hierarchies, Angels or Powers, who, individually, in groups or as a whole, direct and govern all institutions which teach White Magic, that strive to show *The Way* to better and holy things and that direct mankind along the *Upward Path* as distinguished from the Black Brotherhood that practices Black Magic and points to the alluring downward path of destruction.

In a still more general and material sense, the Great White Brotherhood is understood to be and is often referred to as being the spiritual recognition and feeling of good will which exists between all White Magic organizations. It consists of fraternal greetings, spiritual recognition and moral support. Thus an order, society, movement, fraternity or church which is recognized by all other White Magic organizations as being worthy, working for the uplifting of mankind, as teaching true doctrine or wholesome philosophy and as promoting the ultimate brotherhood of mankind, with peace on earth and good will to men, is said to be of the Great White Brotherhood.

Therefore, it is obvious that it is not a physical organization; that it is not a grand lodge or sovereign sanctuary of Masonry; that it does not issue written edicts and pronouncements conferring special honors on fake Imperators of fabricated Rosicrucian

Orders; that it does not issue spurious charters under the hand of a presumptuous, self-created Hierophant, to confer the "Brotherhood name of Sri Sobhita Bhikku" on a pseudo occultist, brazen, egotistical charlatan and mystic racketeer thereby and automatically creating him a member of the Order of Buddha, of enlightenment and wisdom; that it has nothing to do with the non-existent "Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet" or the spurious "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2," issued in imitation of its name by the "Venerable" arch-impostor, Sri E. L. A. M. Khan to the "Beloved and Respected Reverend" Harvé Spencer Lewis, *Ph.D.*, creating him a Hierophant of mystic chicanery and occult fraud, and, *certainly*, that it has nothing to do with his fraternal racketeering and mystic swindling. If it is not yet clear in the reader's mind, as we proceed, it will become more and more certain and self-evident that the Great White Brotherhood did not sponsor and had naught to do with the "Great Conclave," that Congress of Clandestinism, held at Brussels in August, 1934, which fabricated and sponsored the FUDOSI, the Federation of Universal Directing Orders of Societies of Initiation—with its thrice-great "Supreme Triangle" of three Venerable and very Illustrious, but very presumptuous, self-sufficient Imperators, of all-wisdom and with all-seeing eyes, pretending to determine the regularity and authenticity of the initiatic orders, societies and fraternities of the world, to govern the same and to prescribe the rules and regulations thereof.

Lewis' Rosicrucian Authority and the Sources of His Fraternal Recognition

Before we proceed with the further consideration of the FUDOSI may we not here parenthetically note that we have reviewed in the preceding pages of this chapter all of the five "Important Rosicrucian Documents," as published by Lewis and which he claims to be charters and documents, showing Rosicrucian authenticity and authority, foreign affiliations, recognized authority and sponsorship for the Rosicrucian work of AMORC in this country, but which, as we have seen, show nothing of the kind, whereas, they are, in fact, mere shams, snares and delusions, used as *fraudulent devices* in furtherance of his family racket and fraternal swindle.

Flushed by his small success in the case of AMORC *vs.* Smith, in

which he prevented the truth being proven at a cost of $15,000,[5] and his seeming "victory" over the "conspirators," that is to say, over those who had told the truth and exposed his fraudulent scheme and swindle. He became careless of statement; began to brag unduly about his Rosicrucian authority, charters and documents, and in his great jubilation and misconceived position of security, he published those worthless documents to the world with much ado and ballyhoo. Concerning his action and reason for doing so, in *The Rosicrucian Digest* for November, 1933, at page 380, he said:

> "Over a year ago we could have said many things in this magazine that would have greatly enlightened our members and the public in regard to those points that seem to be mysterious and dark. Certainly, we could have published *years ago*[6] the photographs of the various documents that are now appearing monthly on one of the last pages of this magazine *showing the authenticity* and *chartered, recognized authority possessed by this organization.* These documents and *charters* [?] have been shown year after year to the members and delegates assembled here at our annual Conventions, and various committees at those Conventions have been voluntarily formed to communicate with foreign persons of recognized standing to verify the nature of those *charters* [?] and documents, and many of our members in visiting foreign lands have made it their business to contact various authorities who could verify these *charters* [?] and other documents. But we did not want to place into the hands of the conspirators such matters, photographs, wordings of *charters* [?], names and addresses as would have enabled them to augment their *malicious* work of *misquoting these things* and extending their annoying activities into the domains of other peaceful and happy jurisdictions.[7] But, as I have said above, our silence in regard to these things led these *conspirators and some self-appointed leaders of other organizations to contend and publicly claim that AMORC did not have, did not possess, could not reveal any charters, documents, any foreign affiliations, any recognized authority or sponsor-*

[5] See Chapter One, *supra.*

[6] This seems impossible. "Important Documents Nos. 1 and 5" were not issued, according to their dates, until 1933. The Imperator is very careless with his statements. See our Reproductions Nos. 41 and 49.

[7] The only "peaceful and happy jurisdiction" here referred to are those which Lewis has established under his own spurious authority to form his "International Council" and to send him documents and to confer degrees and honors on the Imperator of North America. But they have not been peaceful or happy jurisdictions.

ship for the work of AMORC in this country."[8] (Our italics.)

We have quoted the foregoing statement because it is a typical and fine example of his deceit and is characteristic of all his statements concerning his Rosicrucian charters, authority and authenticity. As always, it contains the usual number of misrepresentations to the running inch. After an examination of his charters (?) and "Important" Documents, and in the light of the truth and the facts shown in this work, especially in this volume, one wonders how he could have the courage or bold audacity to publish a statement so utterly false and grossly misleading.

The International R. C. Council in the Process of Formation

Although he had formed (?) the International Council of Pansophia, with headquarters at Berlin, and had published that fact to the world in 1930, as we have seen in Part Three of this chapter,[9] however, we find that at about that time his attorney made an examination of his representation and documents relating to his so-called International Council and advised him "that it would be inadvisable to reiterate those representations" because they "could not be maintained," whereupon Lewis instructed his said attorney to begin work on the formation of an International Council. In December he began correspondence with European lawyers, especially one H. S. Bergier, of Lausanne, Switzerland, whose name he had received through the U. S. Consulate Service, in relation to the formation of a corporation in Switzerland that "was to be the International Council of the Rosæ Crucis Order." The efforts to create said International Council began in December, 1930, and much time, effort and discussion were devoted to it in the following two years, but nothing was accomplished except to draft a proposed constitution for it.[1] And nothing definite had been done about

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[8] This, of course, has reference to Rosicrucian authority, authenticity and recognition, since he claims that AMORC is the only authentic R. C. Order in America. However, in characteristic manner, his statements are made broad enough to cover most everything, including Clandestine Masonry and spurious "White Lodge" affiliations.

[9] See our Reproductions Nos. 47, 47A and 47B.

[1] These facts were revealed by the testimony of Alfred Aram on February 28, 1936, in the Federal Court at San Francisco, in the case of *ROY W. AND A. E. SMITH*

it up to the spring of 1933, when said attorney wrote "Dr." Lewis the following letter:

March 28, 1933.

"Dr. H. Spencer Lewis,
"AMORC College,
"My dear Dr. Lewis:

"Yesterday's *Mercury Herald* reports that this summer you expect to attend the annual meeting of the Baconian Society in London and you expect to *visit Belgium* also.

All the Italics Are Ours.

"Let me urge again the advisability of giving the International Organization a *more definite form.* A central organization with control over the various jurisdictions, perhaps, is not what is desired, but rather a federation of independent jurisdictions with central officers to provide the means of enforcing uniformity, defining recognized jurisdictions and provide for periodical consultations.

A Council Still Without Form and Void.

"I consider this of *very great importance*, and if you concur in my views, steps ought to be taken immediately to prepare the ground so that the actual organizing work may be done while you are in Europe.

Of Such Importance as to Justify Any Expense of Time or Money.

"It is my view that the end will *justify any expense of time or money.*

"Very sincerely yours,[2]

"AA/TG"

Mr. Lewis did go to Belgium in the summer of 1933 and with his lawyer-Masonic confederate, Jean Mallinger, began to lay the plans for the "Great Conclave" in Brussels, in August, 1934, for the creation of the FUDOSI—his present so-called International Council. In his report of the above-mentioned conclave,[3] which resulted from the schemes and plans of himself and Mallinger, he gives expression of deep appreciation to Dr. Jean Mallinger's assistance.

As soon as the report of the Congress of Clandestinism, directed

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Vs. AMORC AND THE LEWISES. See official report of the testimony, *Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 285, 286 and 287.

[2] Being "Plaintiff's Exhibit 40," *ROY W. AND A. E. SMITH Vs. AMORC AND THE LEWISES, Reporter's Transcript,* p. 346.

[3] Reported and published under the name of his daughter-in-law, *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, p. 380.

by Lewis and Mallinger, and of the formation of the FUDOSI was available, we denounced the Congress as being irregular and clandestine, and the FUDOSI as being a mere subterfuge, void and of no effect as a Rosicrucian Council. We said that the Congress was not a Rosicrucian Congress; that Lewis had never attended an International Rosicrucian Convention or Congress in Europe or elsewhere, and that he was merely imposing upon and deceiving his members. To enable him to make a more plausible reply to our charges and to meet them with his characteristic stratagems and subterfuges,[4] he confused and misstated them under his statement of charge *Number Three* in his *White Book D,* as follows:

Number Three

Confusion to Hide the Truth

Italics Are Ours.
Not a Rosicrucian Congress at All.

He Did Deceive His Members.

But the Magazine Was Also Deceived.

"Clymer charges, and goes to great length to argue, that when the Imperator of AMORC said he attended a *great congress* of Rosicrucians [?] and other mystical societies in Brussels, Belgium, in *July*[5] of 1934, at which time a union or federation of *all the Rosicrucian* [?] and mystical societies was formed, *endorsing* AMORC and refuting Clymer's claims, that the Imperator of AMORC was lying and *deceiving his members,* and that no such federation as the 'FUDOSI' was formed, that there was no congress or convention, and insinuates that the Imperator did not attend any such convention. He claims also that no *reputable magazine* or historical record published in Europe or America contains any report of such a congress being held in Brussels in 1934."[6]

From the light of truth and the facts revealed herewith and in Part One hereof, it is apparent that the "great Congress of Rosicrucians" was a *hoax,* pure and simple—the congress, if it can be so called and dignified—was composed principally and overwhelm-

[4] These subterfuges have been treated at length in Chapter II. This particular section of his reply is considered here because it deals with the subject matter we are here and now considering.

[5] Should be August.

[6] *White Book D.,* p. 30. Here by a footnote he refers to his "Exhibit No. 7," which will be seen in our Reproduction No. 48, which we shall presently discuss.

ingly of charlatans, pretenders and clandestine Memphis-Mizraim Masons. In no proper sense could it be called an R. C. Congress and a "union or federation of *all Rosicrucians*" was not formed. That is perfectly obvious, and it is crystal clear that Lewis *was deceiving* his members, as well as creating a *fraudulent device* for his Masonic-R. C. swindle.

The *Rose Croix* magazine, the official organ of the *Alchemical Society of France,* edited by the eminent, worthy and highly respected F. Jollivet Castelot, did publish what purported to be an account of the congress and the formation of the FUDOSI, but it was a deceptive and false account—it was a low and despicable trick and Mr. Castelot was deceived and overreached, just as Lewis has deceived and overreached some of the most eminent and high-class American editors and publishers.[7] All of this will be clearly shown as we proceed with the examination of the facts and the revelation of the truth.

Typical Lewistonian Subterfuge

Proving (?) One Fact With Evidence of Another

Then, to disprove the charges as confused and misstated by himself, he has his "voluntary" committee say:

Italics Are Ours.

This Committee a Contrivance and Convenience for Hiding the Truth and Concealing the Facts.

Refers to His "Exhibit 7."

Base Stratagem

"The committee has examined passports of persons who attended the convention, records of hotels where delegates from various countries stopped for over a week in Belgium, newspaper reports published in Europe regarding the convention, *certification* of radio announcement of the convention that was made over one of the principal radio stations in Brussels, *moving pictures* that were taken of the officers and delegates at the convention and other matters, including *signed documents* that have been verified by cable dispatches and by inquiries made by newspaper men and other unbiased authorities.

"In addition thereto, the committee publishes herewith part of a magazine called *'The Rose Croix,'* published in France as the official publication of the Rosicrucian Alchemical Society of France *and of the AMORC of France.* The magazine is in

[7] See *Personal Foreword,* pp. 20 to 23, *supra.*

Deceived Editor, Then Took Full Advantage Thereof.

It Does Not Contain a Full and Fair Report, But One Designed to Mislead.

This Remarkable Proof (!) to Hide the Truth.

its fortieth year and under the directorship of the eminent scientist and alchemist and Master Rosicrucian, Jollivet Castelot. The fact that the magazine has been published for forty years shows the age of the organization in France and the reliability of its statements. It contains a *full report* [?] of the Brussels convention and of the formation of the federation called 'FUDOSI,' guaranteeing the genuineness and authenticity of AMORC 'as the only authentic Rosicrucian Order in North and South America perpetuating the ancient and true organization of Rosicrucians and their genuine principles and laws.' *All of this evidence* [?], which the committee *verified,* unquestionably disproves Clymer's charges and refutes his statement that the Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, *has deceived his membership* in America and that there are no reports of the 'FUDOSI' convention to be found in any European or American records."[8]

This remarkable evidence (?) does prove that some kind or sort of a meeting was held in Brussels in August, 1934, and, contrary to Lewis' designing, it *does* prove that *he has deceived* his members and *grossly overreached and tricked* his "Voluntary" Committee. All of this undue preparation and precaution to provide "the evidence" as certification of radio announcement, moving pictures, hotel records, newspaper accounts, etc., and to have them verified by his confederates and co-conspirators in Europe, overcasts his actions with a cloud of suspicion. Honest men who attend authentic congresses for worthy ends are never suspicious of themselves, and they never provide themselves in advance with *alibis* and the proof thereof. Honesty and authenticity do not hold aloft a torch to proclaim the truth of their existence, nor do they need to be labeled, verified and certified. On the other hand, chicanery and fraud carry their own earmarks and badges of condemnation for the ultimate discovery of the truth. All the precautions and advance procurement of many bits of insignificant and inconclusive evidence, verified and certified, to prove the authenticity and worthiness of the Mallinger-Lewistonian Congress of Clandestinism in Brussels, August, 1934, *become* and are a notable *Badge of Fraud*, pointing to the fact that the whole affair was, as we are discovering, a gigantic

[8] *White Book D,* p. 30.

cunning scheme to create a fake "International Council" or alleged "Power" for Lewis, to certify to the false and fraudulent statement, that AMORC, his fraternal racket and Masonic-R. C. swindle, is "the only authentic Rosicrucian Order in North and South America perpetuating the ancient and true organization of the Rosicrucians, and their genuine principles and laws."

Deceiving the French Editor

Using His Publication for Their Own Ends

The *Rose Croix* magazine is a well-known French occult publication of value, that has been published for forty years, is the official organ of the *Alchemical Society of France*, under the responsible editorship or directorship of the well-known scientist and occultist, F. Jollivet Castelot, who is a very busy man, deeply absorbed and occupied with alchemy. He is the very best type of the highly reputed occultists, who can best serve schemers and give dignity, support and favorable commendation to their wicked enterprises. Being a deep student and fully absorbed in other matters and his own affairs, it was easy to deceive and overreach him, and to secure the benefit of his tacit approval of their scheming by lending his organ and publishing their "stuff."

For a time Monsieur F. Jollivet Castelot did patronize the AMORC of France, but that was before it was shown to be a part of the AMORC of Europe, that is, of Belgium, with branches in Switzerland and France, and before it was known that the AMORC in Belgium, France and Switzerland were fabrications, parts of the Mallinger-Lewis scheme and operating under the spurious authority of AMORC of the U. S. A. as a part of Lewis' grand scheme of the International AMORC.

For a time Monsieur Castelot declared his magazine to be the organ of AMORC, which gave it undue and undeserved prestige in Europe, but he was deceived when he did it. Certainly Lewis has taken every possible unfair advantage of it. They also secured his co-operation in the Congress of Brussels—he did not attend, only sent a representative, but his name gave unto that assembly of clandestinism a dignity which it did not deserve. And he published a supplement attached to his magazine, written in *German,* in January, 1935, purporting to be an account of the Congress of

Brussels in August, 1934, and its lofty and noble purposes.

Therefore, taking full advantage of the situation as above outlined, Lewis published a cut of *La Rose ✠ Croix,* with the supplement containing the so-called report of the FUDOSI imposed upon it in a tricky and designing manner so as to give a certain notably false impression, as we shall later point out. This exhibition of trickery he labeled as his "Exhibit No. 7,"[9] concerning which he said:

> "The above photo shows the cover and one inside page of France's most dignified and respected occult publication. Note that it is the official publication of the Rosicrucian Alchemical Society of France and the French AMORC. Note also that its director-owner and editor is the very eminent F. Jollivet Castelot. This photo proves that it *reported the* FUDOSI *convention* and *issued a new 'Fama' about it.*" (Our italics.)

The upper part of the Exhibit, marked "A" in our Reproduction No. 48, is the first or cover page of the *La Rose ✠ Croix.* The first article in the magazine is entitled *"Fama Fraternitatis,"* which in no manner deals with the Congress or Brussels or "The FUDOSI convention," or is it in any way, to any degree, related to it. Beneath the title, *Fama Fraternitatis,* Lewis has imposed the publication of the article of *Frater Amertis* and *Herr Marc Lanval,* of "the FUDOSI convention," so as to leave the entirely false and wholly unjustified impression that they relate to the same subject. Then taking and pressing the advantage of the false impression created by his cunning and detestable trickery, he willfully made the claim, the *utterly false* claim, that in addition to publishing said report the *Rose Croix* magazine and Monsieur F. Jollivet Castelot *"issued a new 'Fama' about it."* Such petty and base trickery—so infinitely small and low—becomes a big and outstanding *Badge of Fraud* telling the story of an international fraudulent scheme, a foreign fraudulent device, to carry on and perpetuate a detestable and flagrant swindle in America.

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[9] *White Book D.,* p. 23. For his "Exhibit No. 7" and his claims concerning the same, see our Reproduction No. 48.

The Report of the Fudosi

As Published in La Rose ✠ Croix

To get the true perspective and to fully understand how Lewis and his European confederates deceived the editor of *La Rose ✠ Croix* and to appreciate the extent of the advantage Lewis has taken of it, as well as the infamy of the false representation he has made about such publication of the report and the tacit approval of the FUDOSI as the result thereof, it is necessary to know what the so-called report contains. A translation of it into English, when read in the light of other facts herein shown, will be illuminating on many dark points, which have enabled Lewis to give plausibility to his false representation.

The report was prepared and published in the German—why it should have been published in *German* in a *French* magazine is a mystery that we have not solved. It may not be important, or it may be accounted for by the fact that the report was prepared by *August Reichel,* signed with his initiate name or nom de plume, *Frater Amertis,* a German refugee in Switzerland. He is a member of a number of secret societies and enjoys a high fraternal standing in Europe. He was the secret "undercover" representative of *Sar Hieronymus,* Imperator of Europe, in fact, the secret representative of Jean Mallinger and H. Spencer Lewis, although he did not know it, and in his ignorance of his undisclosed principals he was being used to carry out and further their scheme and to promote the organization of the AMORC in other countries in Europe, especially in France and Switzerland. Possessing a fraternal standing and being an occultist of some worth, he was the type of man most useful to them to promote and carry out their crooked plans and questionable schemes, but to use him and to secure the benefit of his services, it was necessary to mislead and deceive him. He thoroughly disapproved of Lewis' commercialized methods and fraternal racketeering. Our last information was to the effect that he was becoming suspicious of the whole layout. When he is disillusioned he will repudiate the whole rotten scheme and denounce it. The said article, published in the *La Rose ✠ Croix,* which he wrote, shows conclusively that he knew nothing of the dark *inner* scheme of "the FUDOSI convention."

A free translation of the above-mentioned article as published in

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

La Rose ✠ Croix, interspersed with our comments and observations, is offered for the careful consideration and study of the reader, and also to be compared with the claims and published statements of Lewis made in this country, as follows:

"THE FUDOSI"

"FEDERATION UNIVERSALIS DIRIGENS ORDINES SOCIETATESQUE INITIATIONIS"

(Federation Directing Orders of Societies of Initiation)

"The storm whips the sea in the dark of night to its deepest depths. The Bride of the Winds cannot allay the mounting flood or remove a drop from the elements!

"In the same way the most revolutionary external events—the most disturbing deeds of violence—cannot entirely rob humanity of its inherent consciousness of cohesion and confraternity—its feeling of solidarity. It is true that our present generation is not yet ripe for a realization of the present economic ideas of a Bellamy!

"Nevertheless, despite all, a great, insatiable longing rushes through the soil and the spirit of nations, urging on to constructive co-operation—to joint collaboration—free from all pressure of racial, national and religious differences.

"And who is capable of experiencing this undeniable nostalgia more intensively than the Thinker, the 'Initiated,' who, with thoughts turned introspectively inward, radiates externally the result of his inward consciousness, advances with the times and is not retarded by any anti-social prejudices, regardless of whether he is a member of a certain school or follows any special theory or teaching of traditional, secret or esoteric organization, or who prefers to go his way alone, obeying only his aroused inner guide or master!

"It is, therefore, not surprising that the prevailing conditions had necessarily to serve as a pretext and stimulation to strengthen a powerful, material group comprising all previous, isolated protagonists of human ideals and all those orders and fraternities which aspire toward spiritual goals, all of whom worked individually and singly in the past—in silence—for themselves and their followers."

Brotherhood

This is the statement of the ideals of universal brotherhood in terms so general and broad as to arouse the objections of no one. Everybody, every White Magic Order, society and fraternity can

and does subscribe to the above-stated doctrine and ideals, and no publisher of an occult or mystic publication could find the slightest objection to publishing such a statement. The article or report continues:

> "As early as 1908 an attempt was made to combine a majority of the different directions of thought into such joint collaboration. The well-known French occultist, Dr. Papus (Enceusse), Grand Master of the Order Martinists and an active member of so many wrongly termed 'Secret Societies,' took the initiative in this connection, and the result would probably have had great spiritual importance in every regard if the world conflagration of 1914 and the resultant national psychoses had not brought to naught the optimistic efforts of the parties who were interested in this work at the time."

This refers to the Masonic Congress of Paris, 1908, discussed in Part Two of this chapter, which, it will be recalled, Lewis incorrectly claimed was a Rosicrucian Congress—as he claims this Congress of Clandestinism and deceit to be a Rosicrucian Convention. The report continues:

> "Veterans who took part in this movement more than twenty-five years ago and younger idealists and fighters for ideals have now succeeded in re-creating the desired 'community of the spirit' and in making a new start toward the contemplated world-wide association of all organizations with *spiritual aims.*
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> "The attempt this time was inspired by the 'Universitaere Rosenkreuzerbund' (Universal Rosicrucians), although for more than a century they had deemed it a *sacred duty not to appeal to the public.* Its present head, Frater Hieronymus, as Imperator, broke the silence in view of the agony of the world, which could hardly be measured." (Our italics.)

Rosicrucianism—True and False

The writer of this article or report is, at least, acquainted with the true tradition and ancient landmarks of the *Rosy Cross,* as is shown by his statement that the Fraternity has "deemed it a *sacred* duty *not to appeal* to the public," but he labors under a serious misapprehension of the truth and the facts when he states or infers that Frater *Hieronymus* is the present head of the "Universal" Rosicrucians. He is, as shown herein, the mere figurehead of the Lewis-Mallinger fabrication in Belgium, and like the author of

this report, *Hieronymus* (Danthine) may not realize or know what it is all about, yet he is the instrument of Lewis, his undisclosed Master, directed by Mallinger for the faithful carrying out and execution of his dark scheme and fraudulent device. The breaking of the "silence" in that instance was not exactly what it appeared to be to August Reichel, alias *Frater Amertis,* or perhaps to Danthine, alias *Sar Hieronymus,* yet, in reality, it was a daring attempt —through the instrumentality of innocent men—to introduce and establish in Europe the Lewistonian, "American-made" brand of spurious Rosicrucianism, with all of its highly commercialized methods of high-pressured advertising and publicity. Let us continue with the report:

> "Fourteen organizations obeyed the call and sent their delegates to Brussels, where, from August 8 to August 17, 1934, an 'International Convent' was held, which probably reminds one of a Convention of the F. M. (Freemasonic) Rosicrucian Lodge held in the same city in 1888, the purpose and aims of which (this convention), however, must be considered as very much more universal in scope.
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> "It is merely indicated here that, in addition to the Synarchic Martinist Orders, the Order of the Unknown Samaritan, the Order of Hermes T. M. (Pythagoreans) and that of *French Masons,* Freemasons *of the Memphis-Mizraim Order,* seven other branches of the Rosicrucian Order were represented. We mention in particular, furthermore, the participation of the French Alchemist Society and that of the Clairy Lodge." (Our italics.)

The Participants

A Version Contrary to Lewis' Version

We have seen that Synarchic Martinist Orders, represented at this so-called Congress by Victor Blanchard, is not the Regular Martinist Order.[1] We shall later show that the so-called Rosicrucian Orders are not Rosicrucian Orders, but self-constituted organizations, fabricated by Lewis and his confederates in Europe. It has been shown by Monsieur C. Chevillon[2] that this Congress was held principally, indeed, almost entirely, by Clandestine Masons pretending to be of the Order of Memphis-Mizraim. This report,

[1] See Part One of this chapter, pp. 259 to 261, *supra.*

[2] See Part One of this chapter, pp. 242 to 255, *supra.*

purporting to be official, sustains the statement and charge of Chevillon and squarely contradicts Lewis' statement,[3] denying the connection of alleged Masonic organizations with the congress and the FUDOSI. In the light of the record the reader will experience no difficulty in appraising the value and determining the truth of the claims of Lewis and his statements relating to said congress and the FUDOSI.

To keep the record straight, let us record that the eminent scientist and occultist, F. Jollivet Castelot, the head of the Alchemical Society of France, did not personally participate in the congress. He and his society were represented by another person, by what the French call a "power of attorney." However, the fact that the eminent leader of the highly reputed Alchemical Society had given his sanction to the movement and had sent a representative to participate in the congress gave dignity and prestige thereto, which caused the few occultists representing genuine occult orders and mystic societies to believe, just as Monsieur F. Jollivet Castelot was *deceived* and *misled into believing,* that it was a genuine movement with the high ideals of universal brotherhood directing a united effort to promote the well-being of mankind, as stated in the beginning of this published report of its declared purposes, and not —as it in fact was—a mere scheme for the promotion and perpetuation of a fraternal racket and occult fraud in America.

Mr. August Reichel, who signed this report as *Fra Amertis,* who, no doubt, believed that it was a worthy movement to carry out the ideas as stated in this report and who knew nothing of the cunningly wicked, concealed and undisclosed corrupt purposes and dark schemes that lay back of and beneath its well-arranged "front" or exterior appearances, records and stresses with particular emphasis the participation of the French Alchemical Society.

And Lewis, the master mind and super-schemer, with an "axe to grind" and a sinister object to be accomplished, appreciating full well the dignity and confidence which the name of F. Jollivet Castelot gave to his crooked project and the prestige and status which the participation of the Alchemical Society of France gave to his cunningly camouflaged brummagem congress of clandestinism, has taken full advantage thereof and has designingly used the name of that eminent Frenchman and French Society to bolster the FUDOSI,

[3] For Lewis' statement see Part One of this chapter, pp. 257 to 259, *supra.*

and as an aid for the promotion of his fraternal racket.[4]

Lewis refers to said Alchemical Society as the *"Rosicrucian* Alchemical Society of France," which is misleading. Although the esoteric teachings of the Rosicrucians deal with alchemy and notwithstanding that the official magazine of that society is published under the title *La Rose ✠ Croix,* yet, nevertheless, the Alchemical Society of France is not, strictly speaking, a Rosicrucian Order. However, all Rosicrucians hold the leaders of that organization and the society in highest esteem, and so esteeming them and their organization, they never attempt to misuse them or to make capital out of their good names. Genuine Rosicrucianism is not like that, and real Rosicrucians never do such things. Now, let us continue with the report:

> "To discuss the many problems which were taken under consideration on the occasion of this conference under the direct inspiration of the Inner and Invisible Rosy Cross would lead too far. Let it, therefore, suffice to call attention to the actual, practical result, namely, the founding of the

FEDERATION UNIVERSALIS DIRIGENS ORDINES SOCIETATESQUE INITIATIONIS! (*International Association of Mystic Orders and Fraternities* F.U.D.O.S.I.)[5]

> "What can and what shall be understood by this title? Perhaps a *purely idealistic* and *ideal association* of the *most diversified organizations* of the old and the new world, as approximately effected about the year 1900 under the influence of French Occultism, without being able to show, however, direct, practical results?" (Italics are ours.)

The Invisible Inspiration

As a matter of solemn truth, the congress and the FUDOSI were not "under the direct inspiration of the Inner and Invisible Rosy Cross." We now know, and most of the sincere but greatly deceived individuals who participated in that conference have discovered, the "invisible" and sinister inspiration for the formation of the FUDOSI and also that which brought it into existence.

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[4] See our Reproduction No. 48.

[5] Mr. Reichel translates the adopted name into the German as here set forth, but such a free translation is hardly justified in view of the truth and the facts herein shown. The FUDOSI is far from being an association of Mystical Societies and Fraternal Orders.

The authority of the report, Mr. Reichel, most likely understood and the public were led to believe that it was a "purely idealistic and ideal association of the most diversified organizations." That was the way in which Lewis and his confederates made it appear, but it was pure Lewistonian camouflage. Lewis returned to America and claimed that it was an association of all the Rosicrucian Orders in the world, and their allied orders, thereby attempting to make it appear as an authentic Rosicrucian Power which had pronounced and certified to his family racket and fraudulent R. C. fabrication to be the only authentic Rosicrucian organization in the Americas. Continuing with the report, the author says:

> "We shall try to appraise properly the importance of the FUDOSI.
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> "This Association aspires toward the grouping of all mystic organizations for an intensive working toward all clearly defined goals, which shall be considered more thoroughly. The ideal and administrative management is a triumvirate, consisting of one representative each from Europe and America and a third representative for the protection of the actual traditions of the East and West. Those persons first selected for this purpose, whose names for the time being will not be made public, belong to the leaders of Esoterism and Mysticism both in theoretical and in organizing regard. The said Triumvirate enjoys supreme competency in all matters relating to the Lodge.
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> "In executive regard there is available to the Supreme Management of the Association the services of an International Secretary whose duties do not merely consist in maintaining regular connections with and toward all related organizations, but to whom there is also entrusted the collecting and working of all possible documents. Furthermore, the issuance of semi-annual report on the activities of the affiliated orders and fraternities is contemplated, which will be delivered to all members together with suggestions and regularly scheduled demands."

The Supreme Triangle

The triumvirate set up for the management of the FUDOSI has been designated in English as "The Supreme Triangle" in the certification of the proceedings furnished to Lewis by Marc Lanval.[6] The personnel of the Triangle set up for the control of this deceptive joke and ridiculous farce was to be a dark secret, to be closely

[6] See our Reproduction No. 52, which we shall presently quote at length in the text.

guarded and hidden from the world to show their "supreme competency in all matters relating to the lodge" and "in organizing regard." That the reader may get the true perspective and arrive at a perfect understanding of the "invisible inspiration" that formed the FUDOSI and worked out this vicious and fraudulent scheme, we shall presently reveal the names of the Triumvirate, or "Supreme Triangle."

This published report, signed by August Reichel as *Fra Amertis,* was no doubt prepared in collaboration with Marc Lanval and Jean Mallinger, confederates of Lewis—both of whom were on the inside as manipulators and wire-pullers for the master schemer—who pulled the wool over Brother Reichel's eyes. Inasmuch as he was then a recent refugee from Germany and not so well acquainted with the three "Imperators," it was, no doubt, an easy matter to secure his assent and signature to a report, asserting that the management was ideal and that the three "Imperators" belong to the "leaders of Esoterism and Mysticism, both theoretical and in organizing regard," especially *in organizing regard;* and that "the said Triumvirate enjoys supreme competency in all matters relating to the lodge," especially in organizing spurious powers and fake bodies to certify to the regularity of clandestine lodges, fabricated orders and fraternal rackets. This is all in accordance with Lewis' ideas, who has said, as noted before but repeated in this connection, in speaking of the Supreme Triangle—which is the FUDOSI in truth and in fact—that *"No more competent* body of judges of initiatic orders could be formed *anywhere in the world.* Its decisions and decrees *must be final,* since there are *no other* groups or individuals *outside* of this new Federation which can impeach or even question the high competency of knowledge or unbiased attitude of such a conclave."[7] (Our italics.) As to the "competency" of the three Imperators who set themselves up as dictators of all Initiatic Orders, whose decisions and decrees must be final, the reader will be able to determine from the facts herein shown and to appraise such "competency" as well as the audacity and imprudence of the three Imperators—or maybe it is one—the master schemer, speaking for three, the other two being under his deceptive domination or control.

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[7] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, p. 380. We shall later discuss this ridiculous and foolhardy claim.

Those "Three Imperators" and the Scheme of One Imperator

It was, as we have heretofore said, the scheme of the Imperator of the Lewis hierarchy of fraternal racketeering to hold a great conclave, or what had the appearance of a great convention in Europe to give fraternal recognition to and to bolster and aid his occult fraud and Masonic-R. C. swindle in America. Let us see how the scheme was worked out so as to give the convention the plausible appearance of genuineness. First, with the cunning assistance of his lawyer-confederate, Jean Mallinger, they fabricated the spurious Rose Croix University of Belgium, *"Ruler of the Sciences and Arts"*[8] as the AMORC of Europe and appointed a simple and credulous man of good repute, with dignified appearance, by the name of Danthine, alias *Sar Hieronymus*, under the control of Mallinger, as Imperator of Europe, with jurisdiction over the spurious AMORC fabrications for France and Switzerland. They also created spurious orders of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim.[9] And then Mallinger invited a few genuine occultists and orders of good standing—those that could be deceived and misled—to participate in the "great conclave" to form a Universal Federation of Occult Orders and Mystical Societies to hasten universal brotherhood, with peace on earth and good will to men.

The Congress of Brussels was held in August, 1934, with the delegates or representatives of clandestine Masonic bodies, other clandestine orders and spurious so-called Rosicrucian Orders (all under the guiding control of Mallinger) in the great majority, and with a few real occultists and representatives of genuine orders and organizations of good standing—present and laboring under the duress of deception—to add dignity to the occasion and prestige to the conclave.

The Lewis scheme—the dark, crooked scheme that lay beneath the whole affair—was to have three Imperators as the Triumvirate, or the "Supreme Triangle," with an International Secretary to act for and really control the Federation, *ostensibly* with general and unoffensive powers as outlined in the published report; but in

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[8] See the letterhead and the translation of it as shown by our Reproduction No. 48A.

[9] See Part One of this chapter, *supra*.

reality to certify to the genuineness of his fraternal fraud in America. Of course, the idea was proposed by another. The scheme was adopted "unanimously" without anybody, except the master schemer and his confederates and inside "wire-pullers" and manipulators, knowing what it was all about or what had really been accomplished.

In the light of the foregoing it, indeed, will be interesting to know who were appointed to form the SUPREME TRIANGLE, the "competent" dictators of all initiatic orders and the dispensers of the Wisdom. Here they are: From Europe, the "Imperator for Europe," MR. DANTHINE, alias *Sar Hieronymus*; from America, the "Imperator of the Americas," MR. H. SPENCER LEWIS, alias *Sar Alden, Sri Sobhita Bhikku, Rex Universitatis Illuminati,* etc., and the third Imperator, "for the protection of the actual traditions of the East and West," MR. VICTOR BLANCHARD, alias *Sar Yesir,* representing several clandestine orders, as the Synarchic Martinist Order, "Ordre Kabbalistique de Rose Croix de France," etc., and this is the "Supreme Triangle," with supreme competency and unquestionable jurisdiction over all the initiatic orders and mystic societies of the world!

How did Lewis "put it over" the Great Conclave? How did he put his scheme into execution and certify—through Marc Lanval, International Secretary,[1] to his own glory and the authenticity of his fraternal racket? Well, you see, it was this way: Mallinger controlled *Sar Hieronymus,* the "Imperator of Europe"; Lewis controlled Mallinger and Lanval, the International Secretary was a friend of both—they were a majority—so they did it "unanimously."[2] Blanchard, Sar "Yes-Sir," was not a "yes" man and was not so easily controlled. On several occasions he has protested and refused to go along with the Lewis-Mallinger scheming, but he was only an insignificant minority. And that is the way, the how, and the why the "Supreme Triangle" of the FUDOSI determined and certified that Imperator Lewis' fraternal racket is the only au-

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[1] The certificate shown in our Reproduction No. 52, which is to be quoted in full in the text and discussed presently.

[2] See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, pp. 277, 278.

thentic Rosicrucian Order in the Americas.

Let us further consider the published official report of the "Great Conclave." It continues as follows:

THE PURPOSE OF THE FUDOSI

"The purpose and goal of the FUDOSI can be briefly summarized:

"1. The bringing together or association of all mystical and occult orders and fraternities in a joint work for the improvement of mankind. [*That is a worthy object!*]

"2. The combating of all causes of discord and misery, of a religious, political or social nature, which might cause conflict between nations and races. [*That is a noble purpose!*]

"3. The synthesis of all teachings and aspirations into their fundamentally like identity of truth, despite differences in rites and external forms. [*And that seems good also!*]

"Aside from the points of this joint program, the organizations joining the association *retain complete liberty of action.* Their membership in the FUDOSI merely constitutes an *honorary* decoration—a *blue ribbon*, so to speak, which shall firmly entwine all organizations and lead towards a mutual promotion of their joint ideals and goals." [To wit: the Brotherhood of Men.]

Up to this point, the official report has dealt with the aims and objects of the federation in generalities and in the broadest possible outline. However, we now have a more specific statement purporting to define the purpose and limit the scope, powers and authority of the FUDOSI. The *purpose* was, therefore, to associate all mystical and occult orders and fraternities in joint activities for the improvement of mankind, by combating all causes of conflict between creeds, nations and races. This, it was contended and proposed, could be accomplished by the synthesis, or the bringing together for review, of all their teachings, which would show that they are all fundamentally the same—each teaching the same truth and aiming at a common goal, despite differences in rites and external forms. Hence, to accomplish this purpose, we have been told in the last preceding paragraph of this official report, that a Triumvirate—"The Supreme Triangle"—had been appointed with the assistance of an International Secretary, whose duties are to maintain regular connections with all related organizations, "the collecting and working of all possible documents," and the issuances of semi-annual reports.

The Concealed Trickery of the Dark Lewistonian Scheme

The stated purposes summarized under Nos. 1 and 2 are innocent objects to which no upright man and no worthy order or fraternity could possibly object. Indeed, all worthy orders and fraternities are organized for the improvement of mankind and the promotion of Brotherhood by combating discord and misery arising out of the differences of race, creed and social status. However, within the third numbered paragraph of the summarized purposes, so vaguely and curiously stated, providing for "the *synthesis* of all teachings," is concealed the deep, dark scheme of Lewis to create "the International Council" to certify to his Rosicrucian regularity and exclusive authority in the Americas. It was under the pretext of synthesizing or unifying of the teachings of the several clandestine bodies and the few regular but misguided orders and societies represented at said Congress, that Lewis and his controlled "Supreme Triangle" and his "International Secretary" usurped the right and presumed, with audacious pretensions, to pass upon the regularity of all Mystic Societies, Occult Orders and Initiatic Fraternities of the Universe and to certify to the Rosicrucian authenticity of his commercialized Masonic-Rosicrucian fabrication in the new world.

But to better camouflage and to conceal the real purpose and the dark, crooked design from the well-meaning and upright occultists, August Reichel and F. Jollivet Castelot, who had to do with making and publishing in Europe, for home consumption, of this strangely contradictory, vaguely uncertain and specially designed report,[3] it was declared that: *aside from the joint activities in the promotion of the Brotherhood of mankind, the organizations joining the* FUDOSI *retained* "COMPLETE LIBERTY OF ACTION"; *that, after all,* MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT BINDING ON ANYBODY OR ANY ORDER OR SOCIETY, *and that* "THEIR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FUDOSI MERELY CONSTITUTES AN HONORARY DECORATION—A BLUE RIBBON, SO TO SPEAK—WHICH SHALL FIRMLY ENTWINE ALL ORGANIZA-

[3] Designed by Mallinger and Marc Lanval, who collaborated with Reichel in the preparation thereof—and designed to fool Reichel as well as Castelot and the public.

TIONS," etc.

The Supreme Triangle Shorn of Its Powers and Ousted

There is an old adage which says, "You cannot have your cake and eat it." Now, therefore, when they declared in this official report—to deceive the upright occultists of Europe and to retain their co-operation and adherence to the FUDOSI to give it dignity and prestige—that each organization retained complete liberty of action, that nobody and no organization is bound by the action of the FUDOSI, and that membership therein is only *honorary* or a "blue ribbon" decoration, they ate their cake and took away from the "Supreme Triangle" all its alleged rights, powers, authority and jurisdiction to pass upon the regularity, authenticity or fraternal standing of the associated members thereof; *because,* it is obviously idle, foolish and meaningless for the three most competent Imperators of the "Supreme Triangle" to determine, adjudicate and decree anything or any matters relating to any of the members, societies, orders or fraternities of the federation when and whereas said members are not bound thereby and such findings, adjudications and decrees are without effect or binding force. And, whereas, they are without right or power to pass upon the regularity and authenticity of their own members, it is, of course, most presumptive, indeed, for them to pretend to pass upon and undertake to regulate all of the initiatic societies, orders and fraternities of the world not affiliated therewith nor parties thereto.

Therefore, it is made most manifest—*truly most obvious*—that the alleged findings and adjudications of Lewis and his perfectly controlled "Supreme Triangle" and the certification thereof by his over-friendly "International Secretary" of his "FUDOSI,"[4] that his spurious AMORC and fabricated family racket is "the only authentic and recognized Rosicrucian Order in North America perpetuating and promoting the original Rosicrucian rituals, teachings and ideals," is without force or effect, null and void for want of authority and jurisdiction to determine anything about any order that is binding on anybody. Hence the reader will experience no

[4] See the Certificate of the FUDOSI shown in our Reproduction No. 52, which we shall presently set forth and discuss in the text.

difficulty in promptly appraising such certificate to be worthless, *except* as a *fraudulent device.*

"TRUE PICTURE OF FUDOSI"

The official report further tells us that:

> "It will be proper to explain here for the layman the definition adopted by the FUDOSI for the words: 'what is understood by mystic orders or fraternities?'
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> "According to the FUDOSI, there is understood as 'Mystic Order or Fraternity' every organization in which the member by ordination or initiation is acquainted with certain cosmic, transmitted and secret truths and facts while being admonished at the same time, by means of a solemn oath, to protect the secrets of the Order towards outsiders and also to lead a worthy life and to co-operate in the spiritual upbuilding of humanity.
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> "In order to enlarge its scope the FUDOSI will endeavor so far as lies in its power to convene periodically International Conventions. There is likewise contemplated the publication of treatises and works sent in by members and considered valuable.
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> "It has been endeavored in the foregoing to give a *true picture* of the *nature* and *goal* of the FUDOSI. The fact that importance can and may be attached to this movement is proven by the circumstance that several further organizations have joined it since its foundation. And we may confidently expect that its field of activity will be further enriched in the future by increasing its membership, for are the activities of the association not conducted under the symbol of PEACE, of TOLERANCE, of BROTHERLY LOVE and of TRUTH? Is there any higher aim more worth while?"

We are not particularly interested in the proposed periodical meetings or the publication of treatises and works of the members, nor in the definition of mystic orders which seems to have been formed in terms so broad and general as to admit into the membership most any order or so-called order, regular or irregular, genuine or spurious, ancient or modern, so long as its members are bound by an oath to keep its secrets. However, it must be said and so recorded that this *official* report, in the face of the record and the known facts, fails—*utterly fails*—to give a *true picture* of the *nature* and *goal* of the FUDOSI.

The official report, with its fair words, self-acclaimed virtues, asserted high ideals and noble purposes, and shining, shimmering

symbolic phrases of *Peace*, of *Tolerance*, of *Brotherly Love*, and of *Truth,* is designed, like the FUDOSI, with gilded and cunningly camouflaged superstructure and lily-white exterior, to deceive and mislead the world and all who are attracted thereto or have any dealings or connections therewith. And, above all, the FUDOSI and the *official report* were designed to conceal the dark schemes and fraudulent devices for the commercialized fraternal racketeering of H. Spencer Lewis, as is revealed herein, which is now generally known in Europe and there thoroughly exposed and relentlessly condemned.[5]

The Official Report Concluded

With a bit of Lewistonian high-pressured salesmanship, representing its ramifications as extending over the broad domains of "seventeen different countries"; with an affectionate bid to the German brethren, to please and soothe Brother Amertis, who signed the report; with a cunning reference to the spiritual or higher plane; with a disclaimer of political aims and with an invitation to all mystical organizations to join the FUDOSI, the official report concludes as follows:

> "The organizations which are members of the association, together with their ramifications, cover more than seventeen different European and overseas countries. It must, it is true, be greatly regretted that the purely German fraternities dedicated to occultism and the so-called 'Secret Sciences' cannot as yet be considered as participants. But their absence from our midst can unfortunately not be attributed to any other reason than compulsion resulting from the German regulations, by means of which all German spiritual movements are restricted in their freedom, development and activities both in their internal and external relations.
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> "The sincere wish is expressed here that our German brothers may be 'brothers in spirit' to us on a higher plane even though this may not be true today in the organizing sense of the word!
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> "In order to avert any erroneous interpretation, may we emphasize here that neither the purpose nor the aim of the FUDOSI are involved in any way in active political work or counterwork in exerting pressure or in sponsoring anything political.

[5] See Part One of this chapter, *supra,* and especially the Exposé of the Sovereign Sanctuary for France of the Freemasonic Order of Memphis-Mizraim.

"To promote human aims and values by a knowledge of human beings—that is the slogan of the association which was founded in Brussels in August, 1934. May this report serve as a friendly, fraternal invitation for co-operation to all interested mystical organizations.

"THERE IS NO GREATER RIGHT THAN THAT OF TRUTH.

FRA AMERTIS (*August Reichel*)"

The Postscript by Secretary Marc Lanval

"P.S. In order to avoid any misunderstanding or misinterpretation, it is mentioned here that the Rosicrucian organizations appealing to the public must not be confused with the 'inner and invisible' Rosy Cross nor with the esoteric fraternity. The former fraternities, who appeal to the public, act and work without exception under the inspiration of the 'Most Worshipful and Illuminated Inner Fraternity.'

"Secretary of the FUDOSI, Mr. Marc Lanval, Engineer and Author, 25 Rue des Allies, Brussels, Belgium."

The Postscript added by the "Secretary of the FUDOSI, Mr. Marc Lanval, Engineer and Author," of strange and queer sex ideas,[6] is the saving grace of the official report. There, in accordance with Lewis' scheming and designing, his humble servant and willing confederate attempts to make the FUDOSI a Rosicrucian movement or organization by the subtle and indirect suggestion that it is working under the inspiration of the "inner and invisible Rosy Cross," to carry out and give effect, as is now known, to the Lewistonian deeply laid plot to organize the FUDOSI, to create his self-controlled "Supreme Triangle" as a fraudulent device to certify to the Rosicrucian authenticity of his spurious R. C. Order and Masonic-R. C. swindle in America. If there still remains any doubt in the reader's mind that such was the scheme, plan and device, that doubt will be completely dissolved and banished when we shall presently review the bombastic claims of the Lewises and their own over-glorified and greatly exaggerated report of the FUDOSI as published in America for home consumption and the deluded *paying members* of AMORC.

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[6] See our Reproductions Nos. 53, 53A and 53B and the discussion of Mr. Lanval's professional activities in the text to follow.

The Saving Grace

It was gracious, most considerate of the "International Secretary" and, indeed, most fortunate and just for him to point out and stress the fact that the "Rosicrucian Organizations appealing to the public"—that is, the spurious—*must not* be confused with the INNER AND INVISIBLE ROSY CROSS—that is, the *Real and Authentic Rosy Cross.* That is the *saving grace* of the report, and it is most revealing to the thoughtful and those who know the real history and true facts concerning the Rosy Cross and genuine Rosicrucianism.

As we have so often pointed out, the *Real Rosicrucian Fraternity* has never appealed to the public; it has never resorted to commercialized high-pressured national advertising to secure members to provide the "Royal Revenues" of a Family Hierarchy,[7] and it has never used insidious propaganda to glorify its own existence, nor has it ever published a constant, everlasting flow of exorbitant, excessive or extravagant praise of any of its Supreme Masters to satisfy and appease their unquenchable thirst for worldly glory and unlimited power. Indeed, megalomania is quite the opposite and further extreme of genuine Rosicrucianism.

Ignorance Betrays

Now, therefore, such being the case, it is most apparent that those "fraternities who appeal to the public" *do not* "act and work without exception under the inspiration" of the *Rosy Cross.* Besides, the "Illustrious" Secretary, like this "Thrice-Illustrious" Master, *Sri Sobhita Bhikku,* has mixed and confused the titles and descriptive words of his clandestine Masonry with the titles and descriptive terms of his spurious Rosicrucians. No Rosicrucian ever heard of the *"Most Worshipful"* inner or outer Rosicrucian fraternity. There simply is no such thing and no such appellation or descriptive phrase is ever used by Rosicrucians or in the Rosy Cross. That is distinctively and most exclusively a Masonic term. When a Rosicrucian desires to speak of the Rosy Cross in terms of exaltation, he will invariably refer to it as the "Great" or "August" Fraternity. When a sex-enthusiast and advocate of Nudism departs from his

[7] See Chapter Six, wherein we shall consider Lewis' Family Racket and the Royal Revenues of the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering.

favorite hobby to assist a pseudo occultist in racketeering in the name of the Rosy Cross and who himself in his ignorance of Rosicrucian affairs assumed the Masonic title of "The Most Worshipful Grand Master General" of America,[8] it behooves the obliging secretary to use his terms aptly and with understanding so that his ignorance will not raise questioning suspicion and expose the scheme he would promote, and betray the charlatan he would serve. But, then, a pseudo Rosicrucian Master, entirely uninformed on real Rosicrucianism, is wholly incapable of properly instructing the servant in such matters, hence no one need be surprised if the blundering Secretary displays a common ignorance of elementary Rosicrucian affairs and lets the "Black Cat" out of the bag. Verily, by the fruit of their ignorance they are known!

Marc Lanval, Engineer

The International Secretary of the FUDOSI

Now, since the very Illustrious Frater Marc Lanval, in the exercise of his most extraordinary powers and prerogatives as the Grand International Secretary of the FUDOSI, has certified—as we shall presently see—to the profundity of the Lewis Hierarchy; to the great love and deep affection felt by the European brethren for the Illustrious Imperator of the aforesaid Hierarchy, and to the authenticity and regularity of the great American Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle, it will be of interest to know more about this important personage of the occult world and of the mystic realms who "certifies" to so much, and does it so well.

As will presently appear, the Very Illustrious Frater Marc Lanval was proposed and upon the recommendation of his bosom friend, H. Spencer Lewis, was elected or made Grand International Secretary of the FUDOSI, probably on account of his occult engineering ability, possibly by reason of his unusual and unsurpassed ability to "certify," and maybe because of outstanding reputation as a sexologist. Anyway, be that as it may, Marc Lanval has acquired a well-deserved reputation as a sexologist and as a notorious advocate of Nudism and queer, strange and unusual sex practices and perversions. He is the Editor of *"Light-Liberty,"* the official

[8] See Lewis' First Charter, *Rosicrucian Initiation* (a propaganda booklet, 1917,), p. 7, which we shall quote and discuss in Chapter Five.

organ of the *Belgian League of Helrophile Propaganda,* which advocates Nudism and all the queer variations and quirks of "naturalism" under an exaggerated and forced construction of the law of liberty, which has a striking resemblance to the notorious Black Magic law of Crowley, which reads, *"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole law."*

We have reproduced the heading of the Lanval publication of October and November, 1933, in which his article on the notorious and abominable sex practice of "LA KAREZZA" is discussed and *approved,* together with parts of the same paper showing the beginning and end of the article in question.[9]

Karezza—A Sex Perversion

The article of Lanval, under the heading of *"La Karezza estelle perversion sexuelle?"* (Is the Karezza a Sex Perversion?), deals at length with this pernicious and notorious sex perversion in *such a bold and crude manner that a translation may not legally be published in this country.* It is sufficient to say that he *approves* and *advocates* the practice of "Karezza," which was first introduced in the United States by Dr. Alice Stockham, of Chicago, whom the Government prosecuted and convicted. Upon her promise to discontinue such activities, a fine of $1000 was remitted and sentence suspended.

The notoriety of Lanval's perverted, dangerous, degrading, degenerating and obnoxious sex doctrines which he persistently and enthusiastically advocates, are on a parity with the notorious and infamous Black Magic sex doctrines of Aleister Crowley. Lanval, the sexologist, has become notorious, yet this is the friend and high "initiate" who Lewis selected to be his Grand Secretary of his FUDOSI and to certify to the superior virtues of the Illustrious Imperator of America!

The *public* denunciation by Lewis of Crowley and matters in connection with his occult racket, in contrast with his close *private* connection with Lanval, his *"International Secretary"* of the FUDOSI, and Aleister Crowley, his *"Secret Chief"* of the O. T. O., the two

[9] See our Reproductions Nos. 53, 53A and 53B at the end of the text of this part. Reproductions Nos. 53A and 53B show the beginning and end of the Lanval article on *Karezza.*

most notorious sexologists in Europe, indeed, presents a strange and queer situation which we shall discuss more at length as we proceed.

The Lewistonian Report of "The Great European Conclave"

It will be interesting to read the Lewistonian version or report of the FUDOSI, to compare it with the foregoing official report published in the *Journal of the Alchemical Society of France.* When the striking generalities and fair pretensions of the foregoing official report prepared and published in Europe to deceive and satisfy the Old World is carefully compared and contrasted with the report of the same so-called Congress or "Great Conclave" as prepared by Lewis and published in America, setting forth specifically the aims, purposes and results thereof, for New World consumption, to further deceive and exploit the paying members of his Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering and to be used as a fraudulent device to further promote and perpetuate his Masonic-R. C. swindle, then the *scheme* and *plot* of Lewis to create and use the FUDOSI for that purpose and as such a *device* becomes exceedingly clear and obvious.

Let us, therefore, review and carefully consider the report of the FUDOSI which the "Great Imperator of America" prepared and published under the name of the wife of his son, Ralph, in *The Rosicrucian Digest* for November, 1934. In view of the great laudation, extreme praise and extraordinary glorification of "our Imperator, Dr. Lewis," to which a large portion of the report is devoted, it is apparent why the same was published under the name of his daughter-in-law.

The Congress of Clandestinism, held in Brussels in August, 1934, for the *ostensible* purpose of forming a Federation of Mystical Societies and Occult Orders, to promote and foster Universal Brotherhood, but for the *actual* purpose of creating a spurious but well-designed "International R. C. Council" of plausible appearance and seeming authority and power to give deceptive credibility to the false claims which Lewis has been making for years concerning International R. C. Councils and Rosicrucian Congresses and to make false, but nonetheless fair spoken and credible, certification as to the authenticity of his spurious R. C. Order, con-

ducted in America as a family racket and fraternal swindle, as reported by the Lewises and published in their official organ, with its headlines and our comments thereon and marginal notes thereto, is as follows:

THE GREAT EUROPEAN CONCLAVE

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR EVERYONE

BY SOROR GLADYS H. LEWIS, F. R. C.

Italics Are Ours.
Lewis Had Planned It for Some Time.
It Was a Great Surprise!

Over-Selling Is a *Badge of Fraud.*
"Our Imperator" an Important Factor.
The Lewis Family Is the Supreme Council.

Father Lewis and Son Ralph Run the Affair.

All the Family Went Abroad That Summer Except Son Ralph, Who Stayed to Collect the "Royal Revenues" of the Family.

"When the manifesto came last fall announcing the date and place of the *long-anticipated* European Conclave of Rosicrucians and allied organizations and inviting AMORC of North America to send three of its Supreme Lodge Officers and two of its Canadian Officers as delegates I had no idea that I would be one of the fortunate ones to participate in the *astonishing* [!], *illuminating* [!!] procedures of such a *world-wide* [?] convention.

"*Our Imperator, Dr. Spencer Lewis,* received a special invitation from the Venerable Imperator of Europe, and it was expected that Soror Lewis, the wife of the Imperator and member of the Supreme Council, would be one of the three, but because the Supreme Secretary, Ralph Lewis, could not be absent from San Jose at the same time, the *Imperator decided* that since I was the wife of the Supreme Secretary and a member of the Board of Directors, I should be the third official delegate, and Frater Merritt Gordon, Grand Master of Canada, and his wife should be the fourth and fifth delegates. In accordance with these plans, the Imperator, his wife, their son Earle and daughter Colombe Madeleine, Frater Gordon, his wife, their son Vernon and myself, all members of AMORC, left San Jose, California soon after the annual convention in July and journeyed to New York, where we sailed on August the first on the S. S. Washington for Paris."—*The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, p. 375.

Thus the Imperator, who is mentioned many times in this report, set out on the serious business of putting into execution his scheme for the creation of his International R. C. Council and the actual

holding of a European convention, whether Rosicrucian or otherwise, and to really attend a conclave of his own planning—so long anticipated. But despite all claims and attempts to create appearances to the contrary, it was not a meeting or conclave of "Rosicrucians and allied organizations."

And the rest of the Lewis family, save Ralph alone, who stayed in America to attend to the family business, and their friends set out on a summer vacation and pleasure trip to Europe, which was enjoyed by all at the expense of the paying members.

Over-Inflation

Prima Facie Contradictions

Over-Inflation Is a *Badge of Fraud.*

"About the same time there were Rosicrucians and members of fourteen other mystical, Oriental Hermetic and alchemical societies leaving cities in all parts of the world to be present at the same great [!] convention.

Not So Huge After All. Only a Meeting of the "Higher-Ups."

"This was not to be a mere huge assembly of initiated members of the world's oldest mystical groups. On this special occasion only the highest officers—Imperators, Hierophants, Grand Masters or members of the Supreme Councils—were to come together to meet with representatives of the Great White Brotherhood [?]

Decreed by Whom?

Other Important Congresses That "Our Imperator" Has Attended (?)

"Such a great convention or congress had been anticipated. It was *decreed* for this cycle of the world activities many years ago. The first attempt in 1914 [before Lewis fabricated his family racket] was purely of a preliminary nature, merely continuing the preliminary efforts of 1908 and earlier.[1] In 1921 and 1926 larger preliminary sessions were held in which our Imperator participated. In 1931 various national conventions in Europe crystallized the plans for the 1934 congress, and again our Imperator was an important delegate." (*Id.*, pp. 375-376.)

Rosicrucians and members of fourteen mystical and other societies were not leaving from all parts of the world. Excepting Lewis'

[1] This reference is to the Masonic Congress of Paris, 1908, discussed in Part Two of this chapter, *supra.*

large family delegation, most of the so-called delegates were in Belgium, with a few from France and Switzerland. The world did not converge on Brussels to hold this Lewistonian-Mallinger-Lanval congress of clandestinism. Besides this over-inflated ballyhoo about delegates coming from all over the world is not at all consistent with his advance notice thereof quoted on pages 240 and 241, *supra,* or with the next paragraph, which advises that it was to be only an assembly of "Imperators, Hierophants, Grand Masters and Members of Supreme Councils"—most of whom were self-constituted leaders of fabricated R. C. Orders, clandestine Masonic bodies, or other spurious and questionable organizations. The Alchemical Society of France was represented by proxy or a "Power of Attorney" and August Reichel represented his organization, the Order of the Unknown Samaritans. With the exception of a few—very few—real occultists present, laboring under the cunning deception of Lewis, the assembled delegates were pretenders who held a congress of clandestinism and hocus-pocus chicanery, carefully dressed up as mysticism and occultism under the guidance of the Great White Brotherhood. And these self-constituted Imperators, Hierophants, Grand Masters, and members of non-existent Supreme Councils were to meet the representatives of the Great White Brotherhood, who was none other than *Sri Sobhita Bhikku* of the non-existent and fabled Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, with his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 2," the bogus charter of Sri Khan in hand to create all necessary hierophants and to give the assembly the pretended blessing of the "Great White Brotherhood."

Efforts to connect the White Brotherhood with the Congress of Brussels and the creation of the FUDOSI are vain, indeed. Certainly it is obvious that the White Brotherhood could never have inspired such a meeting and would not give its sanction thereto.

The effort is here made, as in the official report, to tie this meeting into and connect it with the Masonic Congress of Paris by reference and inference. There was, however, no connection. The other alleged preliminary meetings in 1914, 1921 and 1927 are very good fillers of space and assist in the camouflage, but in the meeting in 1931 with Mallinger and his associates, the plans for the 1934 Congress were crystallized and "Our Imperator," Dr. Lewis, Ph.D., as stated, was an important delegate. Just as it has

been shown, the Rose ✠ Croix University of Belgium and the AMORC of Europe, with branch offices in France and Switzerland, were fabricated in 1931 and plans were made for the holding of the Congress to create the FUDOSI—to that extent the Lewis report is correct. However, it cannot escape our notice that it is next to impossible for Lewis to set forth his alleged facts or to tell his story without prefacing it with references to himself or to the glory of AMORC, which is the Lewis family, plus the paying members.[2] The report continues thus:

A Lewistonian Show Starring "Our Imperator"

"Our Imperator" and "Our AMORC."

"But I had no idea of the high esteem in which *our Imperator* and the AMORC of North America were held until I witnessed the official sessions of the convention in Belgium during the week beginning August 13th.

Just from Europe—Not All the World.

Italics Are Ours.

Special Room. Large Committee.

Long and Important! Great Convention?

"When we arrived at Paris on August 8th we found other delegates awaiting us at our hotel, and during the next few days others arrived from various parts of Europe. It was a merry but tense party of individuals who traveled together from Paris to Brussels on August 13th and settled in a *long* suite of rooms in one of the *foremost* hotels, where a *special* room had been set aside for *large* committee conferences. Here the Rosicrucian delegates from the United States, Canada and *various* countries of Europe held a number of *long* and *important* discussions between the official sessions of the *great* [!] convention, often lasting until the wee hours of the morning.

Mythical Members of the Mythical R. C. Int. Council Did Not Attend—They Wrote, So All the World Was Represented!

"Those members of the International Rosicrucian Council who lived in very distant lands, such as Australia, Japan, China and South Africa, sent special letters of endorsement of the proposed recommendations to be voted upon or offered suggestions for adoption. Fifteen nations of people were represented by the Rosicrucian delegates in person, and eleven other countries were represented by special communications or proxies.

"These Rosicrucian conferences were, however,

[2] See Chapter Six to follow.

R. C. Only an Adjunct. Expelled Masons Were the Most Important Factor.

The High Meeting of the Mighty—But Mighty Suspicious.

Greatly Overdrawn.

Great Assembly of the Chosen Few.

solely an adjunct to the *great* [!] convention which opened its sessions Tuesday morning, August 14th, in the *Symbolic Temple* of the Rose Croix University[3] in Belgium. During all the preceding week the highest officers—Imperators, Hierophants, Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Archivists [Librarians, probably Danthine—*Sar Hieronymus*] and special delegates from all parts of Europe, representing the Supreme Councils or Hierarchies of fourteen different mystical or 'Initiatique' orders and societies of *ancient* origin—had been arriving and holding preliminary conferences in the various lodge rooms or committee rooms. But at 10 A. M. all those came together in one of the *most impressive* assemblies one could ever hope to witness." (*Id.*, p. 376.)

A Great Convention

Also a Great Myth—Wonderful Fiction!

This all reads more like the report of the preliminaries to a convention of one of the major political parties in America, with the continuous arrival of delegates in advance, with special committee rooms and "grave" preliminary and long conferences lasting far into the night, than of a solemn, simple meeting of "Imperators, Hierophants, Grand Masters or Members of the Supreme Councils," with the "representatives of the *Great White Brotherhood.*" However, it is a great fictitious story of the immense preparations made for the holding of a great conclave that was far greater on paper and in the pages of fiction than it ever was in reality. But the mathematics of the story are bad. There were entirely too many countries represented by the so-called Rosicrucians—"fifteen nations of people" in person and "eleven other countries" by proxies, making twenty-six countries represented—while only "fourteen different mystical or initiatique orders and societies" were represented. Let it pass. Why try to figure it out? It was part of the scheme to make this a "Great Rosicrucian Convention" and the story does it very well! The story continues with over-much and fulsome praise of "Our Imperator," thus:

[3] Which has no building and no classrooms, according to the testimony of Lewis in 1936 before the Federal Court heretofore noted and discussed in this part. Perhaps that is why it is described as the "Symbolic Temple."

The Importance of "Our Imperator"

Italics Are Ours.
"Our Imperator"
and
"Our Imperator,"
"Dr." Lewis
and
"Our Imperator."

"Upon entering the Temple anterooms, *our Imperator* and *his* American and Canadian delegates were given a very cordial greeting, and it was a happy moment of my life when I found that we were the specially selected ones to sit with *our Imperator, Dr.* Lewis, on the platform with four other very high officers; and I am sure that it would have given each of our North American members a real thrill to have seen the cordial, hearty greetings and embraces given to *our Imperator* by the Venerable Imperator of Europe.

Gilding the Lily—
Creating a Myth!
For the Truth About
Hieronymus, See
Preceding Text.

"The European Imperator, in keeping with European traditions, is known to the outer world only as *Hieronymus.* He is a tall, stately and majestic man of perhaps sixty years, with a long white beard, fine forehead, deep-set magnetic eyes, a gentle mouth and a voice that is as spiritual as it is musical. He is one of Europe's most learned linguists, an author of many books dealing with Oriental literature and a professor of languages in one of the leading colleges, as well as being President of the Rose Croix University of Belgium.

"Our Imperator."

"He was beautifully robed in a symbolical gown and presided over the opening session of the great convention. Side by side in the *very* center of the platform sat *our Imperator* and the *Venerable,* facing the *large* [?] assembly of learned men—and some women—of the fourteen organizations.

The Venerable
Imperator Honored
"Our Imperator"
and
Our Imperator
Answered.

"The opening address made by the Venerable Imperator was translated into English, and it contained *many* and *elaborate compliments to our Imperator* and the *work he has accomplished* in North America. This speech was answered by *our Imperator,* but I will not take space or time in quoting from these two long addresses. They are covered in brief form in the official report of the convention made by *Frater Lanval,* of Brussels, who was elected International Secretary of the Federation."

Marc Lanval
(*Sar Helios*)

The extraordinary effort made in this article and *supposed-to-be* report of the "great conclave" to stress the importance of "our Imperator," to gratify his infinite vanity and boundless longing for

praise and overshadowing importance, ceases to serve its intended purpose and becomes a *Badge of Fraud*, and proof sufficient to sustain our contention that the whole affair was a Lewistonian scheme, well-designed plot and cunningly concealed device to create a fictitious, entirely fabricated and spurious "International Council R. C.," to give plausible and surface-like appearances of reality to his many false claims concerning such councils and to certify to the authenticity of his fabricated-spurious R. C. Order. Indeed, upon its face and with its many *Badges of Fraud* so obvious, this overdone effort to build up the mythical greatness of "Our Imperator" and his confederates and associates in this diabolical scheme and plot to create the FUDOSI as a *fraudulent device* for the promotion and perpetuation of his fraternal racketeering and Masonic-R. C. swindle in America, becomes apparent and clear to all who dare to think or can see "the handwriting on the wall."

The Venerable Hieronymus

"Imperator of Europe"

We have heretofore commented on the scheme of Lewis and his confederate Mallinger to create a *mythical* "Imperator of Europe" as the outwardly appearing moving spirit of the "great conclave" and the creation of the FUDOSI as a cover for the black plot of sinister designing that lay beneath the whole affair. We have shown who *Hieronymus,* "the Imperator of Europe," really is, and how and why they were able to use and take advantage of him to carry out their said scheme and plot. Here, in this very much overdrawn report of the affair by Lewis, we have concrete proof thereof.

The reader will not fail to note—and surely will become suspicious and adversely impressed by the studied and systematic efforts of Lewis to build the myth of greatness and the mysterious occult mastership around the simple, inoffensive, innocent but most convenient and usable Mr. Danthine, the index clerk-librarian in the library at Huy, Belgium; not only to promote his scheme aforesaid, to create his said *fraudulent device*, but also to recognize the superior and extraordinary work and accomplishments of "Our Imperator" in America, and to sing his praises with "elaborate compliments."

When Fulsome Praise Is in Vain

However, the fulsome praise and the elaborate and misleading description by Lewis of the mythical "Imperator of Europe" is vain and futile in the face of the record and known facts. Although the effort has been made, unsuccessfully, to make an Oriental scholar and mystic out of Mr. Danthine, he is neither; nor is he "one of Europe's most learned linguists, author of *many* books on Oriental literature and a professor of languages in one of the *leading colleges.*" He is none of these. Like most Europeans who are well read, he can speak more than one language, but, after all, he is a retiring gentleman, a file clerk-librarian earning an honest livelihood, whom Lewis and his lawyer confederate have misled, used and abused, for their own purposes, by making him the "President" or "Dean" of their fabricated, make-believe "Rose Croix University" and the "Imperator of Europe" as the ostensible head of their also fabricated and spurious AMORC of Europe.

We are not condemning Mr. Danthine. We are exposing the wicked scheme of Lewis and his confederates. If Lewis can successfully deceive such men as the editor of the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and the head of the Alchemical Society of France and use them in furtherance of his schemes and fraudulent devices, then simple men like Mr. Danthine become easy prey, and should be held blameless, because he is an innocent victim of the scheming and not a wilful party thereto. The report of the glory that was his, of the fulfillment of his hopes and the accomplishment of his scheme continues, with its elaborate details, as follows:

Important Professional Men

Their Use and Necessity

Italics Are Ours.
High Officers—
High Objects?

Everyone Was
Eminent or Well
Known or Famous!

"Each high officer in turn made an impressive address in French or English, and each was translated or interpreted. The *high* objects of the convention were stressed and urged by each speaker. Among these were Fra Wittemans, a member of the Belgian Senate, an *eminent* law authority and a *well-known* author of a *very complete* history of the Rosicrucian Order, published in *several* [?] languages. There was also one who is a *high* officer

Every One of the Great Professions Were Represented!

> in the Belgian Court of Appeal [Mallinger]; one who is a *well-known* Advocate [also Mallinger]; one a *famous* physician; one a professor in a *leading* university; one an *eminent* scientist; one an *eminent* author. *Every one* of the *great* professions or walks of life were represented by these delegates from *many* lands. (*Id.*, pp. 376-377.)

It is a characteristic weakness of Lewis, constantly appearing in his promotional literature and falsified propaganda for the perpetuation of his fraternal racket and swindle to bolster and give it dignity by claiming the association of prominent people, scholars and professional men with himself and his projects.[4] So, also, in true Lewistonian style, using another typical device, so often employed, he reports the "Great Conclave" of mystics as being composed of all the great professions, scholars, scientists, authors, professors, doctors and lawyers instead of mystics, occultists and leaders of fraternal movements as it would have been if it had been a genuine congress as represented.

However, since the whole affair has been exposed, the facts have become known and the sinister scheming and dark plotting revealed, it would seem that there was present at least one doctor and one lawyer too many, namely, "Doctor" Lewis and Lawyer Mallinger, the first and second mates, who sailed the Mythical Federation across the sea of deception, under cover of darkness on a short-lifed voyage, only to see it wrecked on the dawning of light upon the rock of ages in the harbor of truth—notwithstanding the loudly acclaimed noble purposes and holy aims of the FUDOSI with which the report deals, in striking camouflage, to wit:

The Noble Purposes

Stated Suspiciously

All Ancient, Time-Honored. Like AMORC, Fabricated 1915.

> "The principal objects of this convention—long the dream of all those who were present—were the joining together in one *Federation* all the ancient, time-honored, mystical, learned, initiatic orders and societies of the world; to work along co-operative lines for the advancement and protection of the great secret wisdom possessed by these bodies; to

[4] See Chapter Two, pp. 111 and 112, *supra*.

Noble Objects Worthy of Gods, But Never the Real Objects of Arch-Impostors.

work more efficiently for the higher evolution of man; to exchange the knowledge gained by each of them through Cosmic revelation; to establish a truly universal brotherhood of man; to seek an immediate ending of international wars and strife and to work together for a wider promulgation of the newer decrees of the Great White Brotherhood, *under whose direct guidance all of the fourteen organizations are functioning.* [Lewis' italics.]

A Little Too Much "Muchness" Is a Big *Badge of Fraud.*

"In the soft lights of the Temple and under the spell of the intense spiritual vibrations of love and good will, it was not surprising that at various intervals during the day the various Great Masters of the Great White Brotherhood made themselves quite manifest and gave approval to what was being considered and voted upon." (*Id.,* p. 377.)

The object and aim of every occult, mystical and religious organization of White Magic, upon this earth, forming the Great White Brotherhood of the material realms, is to aid and bless mankind; to help them realize the divinity within them; to point the *Way* to immortality; to direct them along the *Path* that leads to higher states of spiritual realization which will ultimately bring about the realization of universal brotherhood, with peace on earth and good will to men. Therefore, no one who would help his fellow men; who desires to see the races of men advance, or who would have the Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven, could or would have the slightest objection to the formation of a federation of worthy organizations for the purposes and objects above stated, *if such were true* and the claims were *honestly made.* But when the promoters of dark schemes and wicked plots propose a federation of spurious orders; of questionable organizations and clandestine bodies of well-known fraternities, with only a few worthy societies and upright organizations; when they acclaim too loudly and too persistently the nobility of their high aims, and when they assert that ALL of such organizations—including the spurious one—are under the direct guidance of the *Great White Brotherhood,* then we become suspicious and begin to look beneath the surface to dis-

cover the truth and to find the "mouse in the widow's meal barrel."

But when we read in this exaggerated, excessively amplified and highly colored report of this convention for the formation of such a federation, that *"the various Great Masters of the Great White Brotherhood"* of the celestial realms *"made themselves quite manifest and gave approval to what was being considered and voted upon,"* then we *know* that *it is a hoax* and we experience no trouble in locating the "mouse in the meal barrel."

International Archives

Additional Teachings

Not only has "Dr." Lewis had trouble in securing Rosicrucian authority for his alleged R. C. Order and in proving the authenticity of his family racket, but he has also experienced considerable difficulty in securing authentic teachings for the promotion and perpetuation of the "laws and ideals of the original Rosicrucians" in America. Time and time again he has made announcement of his induction into various secret orders, the securing of their teachings and rituals, and the receipt of countless ancient manuscripts which are to be released to the paying members of AMORC.

Although he has been doing this same thing for years, we find that he received further "initiation," more "secret teachings" [5] and also many new Rosicrucian manuscripts at this convention, of which the report gave an account in this manner:

Italics Are Ours.

"For *several* days the sessions continued with ritualistic initiations in the late afternoons or evenings.

"Our Imperator" Much Initiated.

"Our Imperator, already a member of *several* of the *ancient* mystical organizations represented at the convention, was initiated into the secret rites and ceremonies of the others. All of the Rosicrucian delegates from America, and others, were witnesses to the *many high honors* that were conferred upon Dr. Lewis. Over and over in our Rosicrucian con-

Many High Honors.

[5] See Chapter Three, pp. 136-137, *supra,* for his claims, made in 1921, to all the teachings of all the ancient and modern rites under the direction of the Supreme Council of the Universe.

Benefit to AMORC (The Lewis Family).

ferences between the sessions of the great convention, he said that the honors and powers conferred upon him were truly of benefit to AMORC of North America, because they permitted him to release to our members many of the secret teachings of these allied bodies and also many *new* Rosicrucian manuscripts and monographs obtained from the international archives." (*Id.*, p. 377.)

Here we have a new and novel misrepresentation concerning Rosicrucian archives. We are now told that while in Europe attending the "Great Conclave" he also secured *many* new Rosicrucian manuscripts and monographs from the "international archives." While it is true that each Order of the Rosy Cross has its own archives, there is *no such thing* as "the international archives." Therefore, the representation is false and altogether fantastic. It is a shame—if not a scandal—for him to make such grossly false written representations and to publish them under the name of his daughter-in-law.

We now come to the most interesting part of Lewis' report of the convention and the alleged accomplishments of the FUDOSI. Of course, the "putting-over" of his plan or carrying out of his scheme by the convention in the election of the Lewistonian-controlled "Supreme Triangle," which accomplished the desired and cunningly designed "results," interested him most. We shall consider one by one the eight direct "Results of the Convention," as reported by Lewis to his paying members and the gullible Americans whom he hopes to convert into paying members, as follows:

Results of the Convention

"The Unanimous Decision"

Italics Are Ours. "Unanimous." When and How Did They So Decide?

"Of the many direct results, the following are the outstanding ones of special interest to all our members:

"(1) The *unanimous* decision of the Rosicrucian and other orders of Europe that the AMORC of North America, under *Dr.* Lewis and *his* Supreme Council,[6] [*i.e.*, the Lewis family] is 'the only authentic and recognized Rosicrucian Order in North

[6] See Chapter Six hereof.

America perpetuating and promoting the original Rosicrucian rituals, teachings and ideals.'" (*Id.*, p. 377.)

If we needed further proof that the so-called Congress of Brussels was a Lewistonian affair and the FUDOSI his pet scheme, we have it in the paragraph (1) above set forth. Everything that is done by organizations which Lewis controls is done *unanimously*. The word "unanimous" has been used so much by him in connection with his fraternal business and family racket that it has become an earmark of his handiwork and a *Badge* of his *Fraudulent* scheming.

Jurisdiction Greatly Extended

The Merited Recognition of "Dr." Lewis

He Extends His Jurisdiction "Unanimously."

"(2) That because of the excellent work accomplished by Dr. Lewis and his Supreme Council in the past twenty-five years [?], he was unanimously declared to be the Imperator of Rosicrucianism for South America as well as North America." (*Id.*, p. 377.)

The "Supreme Triangle" erred when it based its award upon twenty-five years of excellent work accomplished by "Dr." Lewis and *his* "Supreme Council"—now *his* family—because he did not fabricate his spurious R. C. Order until February 8, 1915, and *his* "Supreme Council" was not formed until on All Fools' Day, April 1, 1915.[7] As a matter of fact, in 1934 Lewis and his Supreme Council had been carrying their fraudulent accomplishments only nineteen years. However, this is not his first deceptive attempt to date his so-called R. C. activities back to the year 1909. The fallacy of such an attempt was exposed in Book Four, Volume I, pages 198 to 204, both inclusive.

Rosicrucian Term and Titles

All Awarded (?) to Lewis!

They Belonged to the

"(3) That the terms Rosicrucian Order, Ordre Rose-Croix, Rosicrucian Fraternity and Brother-

[7] See Volume One, p. 202.

Genuine Order, But He *Took* Them and They Belonged to Him!

hood, and similar terms in various languages and the symbols used by AMORC in North America, were the *exclusive* and time-honored property of the genuine Rosicrucian Order, of which the Supreme Council at San Jose, California, was the only authorized and recognized custodian in North America and South America and the dependencies or countries under them." (*Id.*, p. 377.)

It was entirely correct for the FUDOSI to find, *if* it did so find, that all Rosicrucian terms, titles and the several variations thereof in all languages are the exclusive property of the genuine Rosicrucian Order, because that is true. But it was presumptive and very wrong for it to find, *if* it did so find,[8] that the AMORC, or the Lewis family, possessed the exclusive right to use such terms and that they are the sole custodians thereof in America. However, this presumptuous finding by Lewis himself is of no great importance, and of no effect, since that very issue has been officially determined in America in a proceedings in Pennsylvania in 1934, to which the Authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America and AMORC were parties, in which Lewis participated and in which *every* issue was *decided against him,* and the authentic Rose Cross Order—the Randolph Foundation—was found to have and possess the exclusive right to the use of all Rosicrucian names, terms and appellations. All of these matters and the official proceedings in relation thereto have been fully discussed in Book Four of Volume One, pages 176 to 267, both inclusive. Nothing further need be said here, except to note that Lewis in his *White Book D,* which purported to be a reply to Books Two, Three, Four and Five in Volume One, very discreetly avoided any reference to said Book Four or said proceedings.

"Exclusive Controllers" of Most Everything

Represents All the "Ancient" Organiza-

"(4) That Dr. Lewis and the Supreme Council of AMORC at San Jose, California, are the *exclusive* directors and controllers of the authority, rites, rituals and teachings in the jurisdiction of North

[8] The alleged finding was not made by the Convention or the FUDOSI, as we are here led to believe, but by the so-called "Supreme Triangle," absolutely controlled and manipulated by Lewis, or most likely by Lewis, Mallinger and Lanval in the name of and on behalf of said so-called Supreme Triangle.

tions of the World.

and South America, of the organizations represented at the convention. This includes the Rose Croix University, the Rose Croix Kabbalistique of France, the Martinist Order, the Brahmanist Order, the Egyptian Rites and many others." (*Id.*, pp. 377-378.)

That "Dr." Lewis and his family, composing the Supreme Council of AMORC, control the authority, rites, rituals and teachings of the Rose Croix University of Belgium, *if it has any,* no doubt is true, *because* they fabricated it—it belongs to them by right of invention. But, as to their right to control and present in America the authentic rites and teachings of the genuine *Rose Croix Kabbalistique Ordre* of France, *The Martinist Order,* a *real Brahmanist Order,* the *Egyptian Rites, i.e.,* the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis or of *any other* authentic order may be successfully and properly denied.

The Lewis Family

"A Self-Perpetuating Hierarchy" Perpetuating a Swindle as a Family Racket

The Lewis Family a Self-Sufficient, Self-Perpetuating Institution.

"(5) That AMORC of North and South America, as a part of the only genuine Rosicrucian Fraternity of the world, shall maintain and govern itself as an independent jurisdiction, under an autocratic law with the present Imperator as Supreme Magus *ad vitam,* and the present Supreme Council [the Lewis family] constituting a self-perpetuating hierarchy, in accordance with all ancient Rosicrucian traditions and practices." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

This small paragraph abounds with evidence and contains an abundance of proof of the most cunning designing; of the meanest duplicity, and of the boldest chicanery to manufacture a "reason" or to build up an *excuse* for having converted AMORC—the Lewistonian fraternal swindle—into a *Family Racket,* which becomes perfectly clear when the full import of its meaning and its true design and real purpose is fully understood.

In 1928 Lewis took the first step to convert his Masonic-R. C. swindle into a Family Racket by placing AMORC in the hands of his immediate family, therefore, under his complete domination.

In 1930 he and his son Ralph completed the arrangements for the conversion of the same into a family affair. We shall deal with this phase of the fraudulent activities of the Lewises at length in Chapter Six.

As a part of his aforesaid treacherous scheme, in 1930 he issued the insidious and guileful propaganda concerning Rosicrucian authority by "Blood Transfusion"; the "Royal Family of the Rosy Cross" and the descent of the Imperatorship or Grand Mastership from father to son "in the blood line," with which we have dealt at length in Part Three of this chapter, *supra.*

A Perfect Absurdity

Here, in 1934, in a further strenuous and foolhardy effort to create a further *excuse* or seemingly plausible reason for having taken AMORC over as a private business and a family racket, he pretends and boldly—aye, brazenly—asserts that the FUDOSI—that assembly with clandestinism and spurious orders in the most "unanimous" majority, under the complete domination and manipulation of designing charlatans and scheming fraternal mountebanks—found, determined, settled and certified that he, H. Spencer Lewis, the present Imperator, is and shall be the Supreme Magus, *ad vitam*[9] and that the Lewis family is a "self-perpetuating Hierarchy" under an "autocratic law in accordance with all the ancient Rosicrucian traditions and practices."

That is childish, nonsensical, laughable absurdity, and buffoonery raised to the Nth power or to the ultimate degree of ridiculous rashness!

In the first place, the FUDOSI had no more jurisdiction over Rosicrucian or Masonic affairs than the imps of hell have over the Great White Throne of High Heaven!!

In the second place, the so-called finding and certification was made, *if made,* by the "Supreme Triangle" controlled by Lewis, therefore made by him—it is, at the most, merely a self-certification.

In the third place, every one knows who knows anything about the Rosicrucian Fraternity, that there is *no such* "autocratic law" and that a *self-perpetuating family hierarchy* is *not* "in accordance

[9] *"Ad vitam"* is Masonic terminology. It is a term used by Masons of the Rites of Memphis-Mizraim and is *never* used in Rosicrucian affairs.

with the ancient Rosicrucian traditions and practices." Therefore, and verily, the assertion of such an obviously false and absolutely untrue statement, whether made willfully or ignorantly, is a bright star-like *Badge of Fraud* of the first magnitude and proof sufficient, within itself, of his fraudulent operation. Indeed, and in truth, such an idea is entirely contrary to the noble precepts of the Rosy Cross—such a misconception is an absolute antithesis to the fundamental and elementary ideas of fraternalism. True occultism and genuine fraternalism know no such folly and from the very nature thereof it is obviously impossible. Moreover, and *verily*, there is sufficient proof in this single brief paragraph *alone* to convict the self-made Imperator of a family hierarchy of the most daring and damnable fraud!

The Supreme Advisory Council of the "Fudoesi"

"Dr." Lewis Only an Advisor? Verily, He Made the FUDOSI!

"(6) That two of the highest officials of each of the fourteen organizations represented at the convention shall constitute the Supreme Advisory Council of the Federation, to be known as FUDOESI (Federation Universalle des Ordres et Societies Initiatique). Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator, and Frater Ralph M. Lewis, Supreme Grand Secretary, are the two officials representing FUDOESI exclusively in North and South America." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

In this hastily made and ill-advised preliminary Lewistonian report of the FUDOSI, which indicates that the federation might be governed by a "Supreme Advisory Council" of twenty-eight members, which gives it the appearance of a mutual and democratic association, while the real facts and the whole truth were designedly concealed concerning the governing council, the "Supreme Triangle," composed of three "Imperators" controlled, cunningly but absolutely, by "Dr." H. Spencer Lewis, "Imperator."

Here it is said that the Federation is to be known as "FUDOESI," but later, for some reason, the "E" was dropped out and it became the "FUDOSI." If the "I" had been dropped, instead of the "E," there would have been no federation, because in reality and as a matter of fact, the much overpraised and overworked device, miscalled a federation, was composed of "I," *Dr.* H. Spencer Lewis, Ph.D.,

Imperator, his cohorts and a few grossly deceived and wholly misled associates.

Of course, "Dr." Lewis, the Imperator, and his son Ralph, the Supreme Grand Secretary, are the two "representing FUDOESI *exclusively* in North and South America." Let us remember this as we consider the next, *i.e.*, the seventh claim or preposterous proposition, the meaning of which it may be difficult to ascertain or determine:

"Full Autocratic Authority" of Frater Gordon

> "(7) That illustrious Frater Merritt G. Gordon, of Vancouver, Canada, is authorized to represent the North American jurisdiction as Grand Master of Canada, and to represent the International Rosicrucian Council, with full autocratic authority under the new constitution of the Order for North America." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

This alleged finding of the FUDOSI appears to be in sharp conflict with finding number six above set forth. There, the illuminated FUDOSI, according to this report, found, and it is so certified, that the Lewises are the "whole show" in the Americas, which includes Canada. Here it is certified that Illustrious Frater Merritt G. Gordon is authorized to represent the North American jurisdiction, as Grand Master of Canada. How can that be, when the North American jurisdiction is represented by the Lewises? And, further, it was found, and it is so certified, that Frater Gordon is "to represent the International Rosicrucian Fraternity as a member of the International Rosicrucian Council, with *full autocratic authority* under the new constitution of the Order for North America."

Now, *if* we can put any faith in the FUDOSI and believe these several certificates, then it would *seem* that the Federation greatly exceeded its authority and unduly encroached upon the exclusive rights and "autocratic" prerogatives of Lewis, for was it not found, and so certified, in paragraph five above set forth, that AMORC is an independent self-governing jurisdiction and that the Lewises are a self-perpetuating hierarchy under an "autocratic law"? *Of course*. Then what right did the FUDOSI have to appoint Brother Gordon "to represent the North American jurisdiction" or to be a "member of the International Rosicrucian Council" and to represent the "International Rosicrucian Fraternity," with *full autocratic*

authority under the *new* constitution of the Order for North America"?

Well, after all and despite the confusion, there is no real conflict. The conflict only "seems to be" and exists solely in the confusion of names, stratagems and devices. Lewis is the "FUDOSI"; he is the "North American Jurisdiction"; he is the "International Rosicrucian Council," and he is also the "Full Autocratic Authority" that appointed Frater Merritt G. Gordon, Grand Master of Canada, member of the International Rosicrucian Council and delegate to the FUDOSI. Lewis claims and verily asserts the autocratic authority to "hire and fire" Grand Masters as well as clerks and secretaries when they please or cease to please him.[1] Thus, the Black Cat slips out of the bag and another *Badge of Fraud* appears to tell the tale of this autocratic-brotherly swindle.

"Exclusive Repository"

"Allied Organizations"

It Never Was. How Can It Continue to Be?

"(8) That the Supreme Council of AMORC at San Jose, California, shall continue to be the exclusive repository for North and South America of the genuine and authorized rituals, rites, teachings and findings of the Rosicrucian Order or Fraternity and its allied organizations." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

This is the last of the enumerated "unanimous decisions of the representatives of *all* of the Rosicrucian and other orders of Europe." In substance it is a summation and reiteration of the "findings" set forth in paragraphs (1), (3), and (4).

However, it will be recalled that in Paragraph (4) Lewis stressed his exclusive control in America of the authority, rites, rituals and teachings of several of the "allied organizations," including the Martinist Order and the Egyptian Rites. In Part One, *supra,* we quoted his declared intention of creating a Supreme Council of the Martinist Order in America. Here we have the repeated reference to "allied organizations." And further on in this report, which we shall presently review, he attaches much importance to

[1] See *Rosicrucian Forum,* December, 1934, pp. 69-70, also Chapter Six, where we shall quote Lewis' statement here referred to and discuss his alleged "Autocratic powers and authority." See paragraph (1) heretofore set forth.

the "charters," rituals and teachings which he procured from the other or allied organizations.

Is all of this reference to the *other* or *allied organizations* not significant and full of meaning? It is—and it is *most* significant. He knows full well that he has no Rosicrucian authority and that he has no right to transact the business of his fraternal racket under the name of the Rosy Cross as a Rosicrucian, and anticipates that soon or ultimately, he will be forced to discontinue the use of Rosicrucian appellations, and to seek green pastures for his enterprise. Therefore, in his foresighted cunning and ever-alert designing, he is attempting to place himself and his self-perpetuating hierarchy of fraternal fraud in a position to carry on in the name or under the guise of another or other orders. Can you not see his planning and scheming written all over the surface and between the lines of this, his "official," report of his "Great European Conclave"? It is reasonable, is it not? If he really has Rosicrucian authority and teachings, as he claims, and which he says embrace all of the ancient and modern wisdom and learning,[2] then why does he need the authority and teachings of other orders or organizations? Is the answer not obvious—and can you not see his cunning written on the face of this report, which proclaims that: *"If you drive me from my spurious Rosicrucian claims, I will carry on under the Martinist Order and with the Egyptian Rites of Memphis"?* Thus, he proposes to perpetuate his self-perpetuating hierarchy of perpetual fraternal fraud.

"Momentous Decisions"

"A New Fama and Manifesto"

Italics Are Ours. Momentous Ballyhoo!

"I cannot hope, in this limited space, to outline all of the *momentous* decisions [!] that were reached at this great [?] convention. These are officially embodied in reports, charters [*in charters?*] and certificates *signed* and *sealed* by every representative attending the convention.

This Report Is His "Fama" and Manifesto"

"One of the decisions provides for the issuance in America, in the near future, of a new Rosicrucian 'Fama' and Manifesto, proclaiming to 'all the people of the Western World' the official rulings and de-

[2] See his "Official Publication Number Two," p. 9, also Chapter Five to follow.

crees of this conclave. Then the important facts will be set forth in detail." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

Obviously, judging from this report, there were but two "momentous decisions" made at the convention. One was that AMORC, the fraternal racket of the Lewis Hierarchy, is the only Rosicrucian Order in America. The other, and major "momentous decision," was that "Dr." H. Spencer Lewis is the greatest man and the most appreciated and best loved benefactor to mankind that has ever lived, or, perhaps, ever will live on this earth. As to these two "momentous" decisions, *space was* not limited, but for the "minor" matters such as the dark schemes and the detestable trickery that lay beneath and produced the "momentous decisions" the space was limited, however, not sufficiently to crowd it out entirely, for the story of Lewis' chicanery is written in this report for those who care to read and who can see behind the smiling mask of craft, of self-constituted authority and self-glorification.

Besides being embodied in this official report, these momentous decisions are embodied in "charters" and "certificates" *signed* and *sealed*. If they are of no more "moment" than those "important charters" which we have reviewed, then they may be disregarded. In this connection, however, it is pertinent for us to note that the other "official" report published in Europe, which we have just reviewed, omitted entirely to mention these momentous decisions, which, to be sure, was a grave omission.

Lewis' first attempt at issuing "famas," which he called the "Second Fama," or Pronunziamento, was not altogether successful, as we have shown in Part Three hereof. However, it seems in 1934, as indicated by this report and encouraged by his success in forming the FUDOSI, that he decided to try the issuance of another and "New Fama" and "Manifesto," proclaiming to "all the people of the Western World" the great deeds and momentous decisions of the convention of Brussels, but the FUDOSI was not altogether successful, either, and the "New Fama and Manifesto" remains unissued. Like the "Second Fama" it has been assigned, no doubt, to the limbus of forgotten things.

A Portfolio of Charters

To Honor "Our Greatly Loved Imperator"

Italics Are Ours.

"I do know, however, that *our Imperator* is bring-

Remarkable!

Too Many Charters May Be So Many *Badges of Fraud!*

ing back to America the *largest* leather-bound portfolio of documents, charters [?], resolutions, official decrees and manifestoes *ever presented* to *one* man. We never dreamed that *our Imperator* was so well known, *so greatly* beloved and honored by *so many* organizations and individuals in Europe; and all of these were anxious to express in speeches and beautifully prepared resolutions their endorsement of his work in America." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

Still, the flood of charters, documents and manifestoes that have been showered upon Lewis in an endless stream since first he became a fraternal racketeer, continues without abatement, and the most unusual recognitions and signal honors continue to fall around and over him like a robe of celestial glory. It is the typical and persistent false propaganda which he has used to promote his shady business since he fabricated his spurious R. C. Order and, as we have before pointed out, it is an outstanding *Badge of Fraud* which shrouds his shameful trafficking in brotherly love and fraternal swindles like the apparition of justice that will not perish until righteous judgment shall prevail.

This propagandistic and promotional report continues fulsome praise and honors galore for "Dr." Lewis, "Our Imperator," as follows:

The Special Banquet

Italics Are Ours.

"Dr." Lewis Greatly Lionized Myth of His Own Creation. With All the World Bowing at His Feet, Took All the Honors and Triumphantly Returned to America to Tell the Great Story of His Glory. But the Glowing Honors May Turn to Ashes and Be Only

"On the second night of the convention a *special* banquet in *honor* of *Dr. Lewis* and *his* delegates from North America was held in a *large* banquet hall and tendered by the officers of all the other organizations. The special address of the evening was made by Fra Wittemans, of the Belgian Senate. It was a *long* and *hearty* toast to *Our Imperator*. This was followed by *glowing toasts* and *speeches* to *the same* effect by Illustrious Frater Blanchard, Grand Master of the *Ordre Kabbalistique de Rose Croix de France,* by the representative of the Alchemistic Society of France and *many* others. To all of these *our Imperator* was requested to make replies, and at the close of the banquet a *large manifesto* was presented to him containing the greetings and *signatures*

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and *seals* of *all* of the scores of persons present.

"*Our Imperator* was also asked to grant an interview before the microphone of the *large* international radio station in Brussels, and the introductory remarks made by two of the representatives of other organizations were *highly* complimentary to the work of AMORC in America." (*Id.*, p. 378.)

We are in constant communication with the *Kabbalistique Rose Croix Order* of France. Therefore, let us keep the record straight and record the fact that Frater Victor Blanchard is not the Grand Master of that order. This done, let us read the report of

The Second Banquet

"In a Veritable Fairyland"

Italics Are Ours.

The Swiss AMORC Inspired by Lewis.

A Mystical Setting Made Specially by God and Man to Honor "Dr." Lewis.

"At the end of the week our North American delegates journeyed with *our Imperator* to Lausanne, Switzerland, where the Swiss Jurisdiction of Rosicrucians [?], under the Grand Master, the eminent Dr. Berthelot, and the Martinist Order and a number of others, had planned *another* initiation for *Dr. Lewis* and a *banquet* on the lawns of the Temple adjoining the edge of Lake Geneva! This was unquestionably the *most mystical* and *gorgeous* setting we have ever witnessed. Beautiful lawns, flower beds, fountains, winding walks, wide stairways leading to the water's edge, drooping trees, marble statuary, festoons of electric lights, the beams of the moon, little tables grouped here and there and a score of Switzerland's most eminent leaders of thought. It was like a banquet set in a veritable fairyland.

Honors, Honors, More Honors!—and High Esteem! August Reichel and Frater Amertis Are One and the Same.

"After the banquet we retired to the old mansion converted into a *gorgeous* home for the Rosicrucians [?] living there, and amid *symbolic* fixtures *another* ceremony of *honor* to *our Imperator* was conducted, and many speeches of greeting and *high esteem* were made by Illustrious Frater Reichel, Grand Master of the Order of 'Unknown Samaritans'; Dr. Berthelot, President of the 'Societe d'Etudes Psychique' of Switzerland; Frater *Amertis,* Grand Master of the Martinist Order of Swit-

More Charters or Mementoes, Also "Signed" and "Sealed."

zerland, and others. At the close of this *wonderful* session a *large* certificate was given to *Dr. Lewis* as a 'Memento Souvenir de la Reception de Frater Dr. H. Spencer Lewis,' and *signed* and *sealed* by the *officers* and *members* of *all* the organizations represented.

Animal Magnetism, Not Rosicrucianism. More Honors and More Manuscripts and High Membership.

"Dr. Berthelot also gave us an illustrated lecture dealing with his *astonishing* discoveries and practices in the field of *animal magnetism* and presented *Dr. Lewis* with a certificate of *Honorary Membership* in the Swiss society, of which he is President, and a *number of manuscripts* dealing with this important subject. *Dr. Lewis* was also given a certificate of *high membership* in the Swiss jurisdiction of the Ordre of Martinists.

Great Inventors Also Honor Our Imperator and Also *His* Delegation.

"Likewise, we were thrilled with a moving-picture demonstration by one of the Fraters showing his latest invention whereby ordinary black-and-white moving pictures taken of every conceivable subject were turned into natural colors on the screen at will by the use of a very simple device.

This Tall Story Is Also a Gem.

"We shall never forget the wonderful hospitality of the two Rosicrucian Sorores and the others who made this visit to Lausanne a never-to-be-forgotten gem in the events of this summer." (*Id.*, pp. 378-379.)

Sifting the Facts

Besides the praise of Mr. Lewis for "Dr." Lewis, which persists in abundance throughout this "official" account of the FUDOSI, the banquet to honor him in the most *mystical* and *gorgeous* setting in a veritable fairyland, and the old mansion converted into a gorgeous home for the Rosicrucians (?) living there; the alleged facts scattered and sprinkled throughout this gorgeous tale of the festoons of glory of "our Imperator" need to be sifted, and kept straight and correctly recorded for the sake of the record.

Dr. Ed. Berthelot, whose *nom de plume* in the Lewis-Mallinger set-up of the AMORC of Europe is *Sar Heb. Ailghim Si*—a title and name conferred upon him by the Rose Croix University of Belgium—has recently been induced to accept the Grand Mastership of the AMORC of Switzerland of *very recent* origin, and this

is the evidence which Lewis presents to sustain his claim that the AMORC has existed there for years. Dr. Berthelot is a substantial citizen and highly respected in his country. He is the head of an organization known as the *Societe Vandoise d'Etudes Psychiques,* interested in modern psychology, physical phenomena, animal magnetism and kindred subjects—subjects in which the Rosicrucians are not particularly interested. He is the type of a respectable and respected individual whom Lewis needs most to further his schemes and to set up his fraudulent devices in Europe to foster and promote his swindle in America.

As we have before shown, the AMORC of Switzerland is a part of the AMORC system fabricated by Lewis and Mallinger with the aid of a few clandestine Masons of the spurious Belgian Sanctuary of the Rites of Memphis-Mizraim, which had its origin in and has grown out of the fantastical, burlesqued fabrication, styled the "Rose Croix University of Belgium," which, with imbecilic stupidity, claims to be the *"Ruler of the Arts and Sciences."*[3]

No doubt Dr. Berthelot was deceived and overreached when he was induced to lend his good name to the Lewis-Mallinger fabrication; to sponsor and build up Lewis' fraudulent device in Switzerland. Verily, Lewis has not been slow nor remiss in taking full advantage of his Grand Mastership of the alleged Swiss AMORC. In February, 1936, Lewis published Dr. Berthelot's picture as a Frontispiece to his official organ,[4] stating that it is an "excellent likeness of our beloved Grand Master in Switzerland," who was "elected to his high office in the Rosicrucian Order several years ago by the members in his jurisdiction."[5] As a matter of fact, he was only recently appointed by the Lewis-Mallinger fabrication in Belgium and he has been grossly deceived and the most undue advantage has been taken of him. Lewis has taken many advantages of him other than the grievous advantage he took of his genteel hospitality.

At one time the also-deceived August Reichel was the agent or representative of the much-hidden "mystical" and mythical "Imperator of Europe," and, therefore, his ambassador to the French and

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[3] See our Reproduction No. 48A.

[4] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* February, 1936.

[5] This is rather inconsistent with Lewis' doctrine of "Blood Transfusion" and Grand Mastership by descent from father to son. See Part Three of this chapter, *supra.*

Swiss AMORC. Lewis tells us that Frater Reichel and Frater Amertis, *one and the same person,* were present on the occasion so bombastically and fantastically described, and that many speeches of greetings and high esteem of "Dr." Lewis, "our Imperator," were made by Frater Reichel; by his nom de plume, Frater *Amertis;* by Dr. Berthelot, and others. It is a trick to honor "our Imperator," as, also, was the conversion of the "old mansion into a gorgeous home for the Rosicrucians living there." In the same magazine in which this report appeared, the picture of Dr. Berthelot's residence, or perhaps of the "old mansion" mentioned above, is published as a Frontispiece,[6] with the statement that it is the Rosicrucian Temple of the Grand Lodge (AMORC) of Switzerland. Verily, verily, "our Imperator" has used Dr. Berthelot's connection with the spurious Swiss AMORC to the fullest extent and advantage to promote his fraternal family racket in America!

An Old Rosicrucian Village and a Few More Charters, Etc.

Italics Are Ours.

The Meeting of the Supreme Triangle.

More Charters and *Badges of Fraud.*

"After touring to an old Rosicrucian village [?] and gathering more historical data [!] and visiting other sources of R. C. knowledge [!], we returned to Brussels, where, at a final session with the *officials of the Federation,* our Imperator was given *large packages* of secret books, *hand-made manuscripts* and documents containing the rituals and principal teachings of the other allied organizations into which he had been initiated, a *number* of *additional* charters and manifestoes of authority and a *large* box containing *all* of the official regalia, robes, jewels and emblems of the different orders." (*Id.,* p. 379.)

In his first "authentic" history of his fabricated AMORC under the subtitle: "A Pilgrim's Journey to the East," Lewis tells of his visit to the ancient Rosicrucian city of Toulouse,[7] France, where he received his Rosicrucian "initiation" and "illumination" almost instantaneously, in a single night. Here he is bringing that ancient myth down to date in the description of his recent European travels.

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[6] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934.

[7] *The American Rosae Crucis,* May, 1916, pp. 12 to 27. We shall review his strange story and unique initiation in Chapter Five.

Such villages and cities are myths, pure and simple, existing only in the imagination—separate and distinct Rosicrucian villages and cities have never existed in fact. But, of course, a pseudo Rosicrucian pretender should visit "sources of R. C. knowledge" and gather "more historical data," it is useful in the promotion of spurious R. C. Orders!

The return to Brussels and the meeting referred to as "a final session with the officials of the Federation" was the meeting of the "SUPREME TRIANGLE," at which time and place Lewis and his convenient Secretary, Marc Lanval, designed the "hand-made manuscript" certifying to the authenticity of the Lewistonian Hierarchial Racket, shown in our Reproduction No. 52, which we shall presently review.

It is truly remarkable the immense number and vast quantity of manuscripts, documents, rituals, manifestoes of authority, charters, and additional charters, and the large boxes of official regalia, robes, jewels and emblems of the *different orders,* that Dr. Lewis, "our Imperator—Ph.D.," has been able to collect. If he had devoted his time and collecting genius to legitimate art of "de la antiques," beyond doubt he would have been the premier antique collector of his day! Instead, he elected to follow the shady business of collecting unique, spurious charters—that, in reality, are just so many *Badges of Fraud!*

On to London and the Third Banquet

AMORC of England Is a Lewistonian Fabrication.

"Going on to London, we found that our AMORC legate in London, Frater Arthur Roberts, had co-operated with the Grand Master of England, Illustrious Frater Raymund Andrea, and Frater James in planning a banquet at the Hotel Washington for Tuesday evening, September 11th, to be followed by a meeting of the Rosicrucians of England, with Frater Roberts as the host.

Cordially Greeted. Greatly Honored.

"Here, again, our Imperator was greeted most cordially and his work highly praised by those officers who are doing a great work in the British Isles.

Italics Are Ours.

"During our visit in London, Dr. Lewis was invited to speak before the monthly assembly of the Bacon Society of England, of which he is Vice-President. He was given a *hearty welcome* and

> made a *profoundly impressive* address on 'Bacon's Part in the Reorganization of Rosicrucianism.'" (*Id.*, p. 379.)

The thundering, roaring lion of pseudo Rosicrucianism and fraternal racketeering goes to London to meet the British Lion—or, rather, the officers of the spurious AMORC of England, operating under his inspiration, to be banqueted, honored and praised some more.

And while there "Dr." Lewis was "heartily welcomed" by the Bacon Society of England and made a "profoundly impressive" address on "Bacon's Part in the Reorganization of Rosicrucianism." Some say he founded the order. Lewis also said that once—oh, well, it is all too wonderful to believe! Perhaps we should not believe it—in all probability it is not true.

Not to Glorify—But to Deify!

For Purposes Unworthy of a God

Italics Are Ours.

Oh, Certainly Not!

Strenuous Labors!

Glorious Work!

To the Glory of God and for the World!

> "I trust that my many references to the honors bestowed upon *our Imperator* will not appear as *attempts to glorify* him. I am recording the facts [!], but I tell them with joy because I know what these *many* weeks of *long* hours, *tedious* moments, *sleepless* nights and *heavy* study and thought will mean to the future of *our glorious work* [!!] in America. It has been a partial [?] vacation for most of us, but it has been exhausting and telling in its *drain* upon the mental and physical strength of *our Imperator*. He gives *no personal* acceptance to any of the honors so *generously* bestowed. To him each incident is a stone in the superstructure of the Rosicrucian work [?] in all parts of the world." (*Id.*, p. 379.)

To be sure no gullible or credulous person could possibly get the idea that an effort had been made in this glowing report of fulsome praise of "our Imperator" to glorify him. However, the observant and thoughtful may see that the attempt had been made deliberately to deify him for the unconceivably base purpose of mercenary racketeering in Brotherly Love and Holy Aspirations.

This, indeed, was a great story to tell to the paying members

of AMORC, who paid the expenses of the Lewis family on their protracted "partial" vacation abroad. Certainly, it demonstrated beyond all question that the money was well spent!

This story, here told of how Lewis labored so strenuously and exhausted his physical and mental strength, in the many weeks of long hours, tedious moments, sleepless nights, of heavy study and deep thought to acquire all of these great honors so generously bestowed, *not* for himself personally—ah, no—but for the *glorious work* in America and as building stones in the superstructure of the *Work* in all parts of the world, is not borne out, but is flatly contradicted and was entirely repudiated by his subsequent statements and testimony in court whereby he claimed all "these honors" and all "this authority" was his personal property for the exclusive use and continuing benefit of himself and family, as we shall show in Chapter Six.

Thanks to Seven Governments

It Is All So Wonderful!

Italics Are Ours.

Courting Favors of Governments.

"We are resting now in London awaiting the day when our ship shall start across the ocean for the Western World. Everywhere we have been most cordially treated, and in *fairness to the governments* of the *seven* or *more* countries in which we have lingered for a few day or more at a time, I must say that we have seen no unkindnesses, no unpleasant embarrassments, no dangers of any kind, despite the stories that were so prevalent in American newspapers before we sailed on August first.

It Was So Glorious for Our Imperator. 'Tis Too Bad That the FUDOSI Failed!

"It has been the *most* momentous, *most* far-reaching and *glorious* period in the whole of our North American activities and very appropriately celebrates the quarter-century anniversary of our Imperator's work in behalf of the Order." (*Id.*, p. 380.)

Pretenders and racketeers must of necessity count the favors of governments. The continued existence and success of their business depends, to some extent, on the inactivities of governmental officials, hence the effort to lull them to sleep with praise. Not only has Lewis praised governments, but he has attempted to create the impression that he is very close to and highly esteemed by

officials of governments, and he has continually had official consulate stamps placed upon letters, papers, and spurious documents, to leave the false impression that such official stamps authenticate such documents.

A "Marvelous Success" Which "Turned to Ashes and Anon"

Italics Are Ours.

How Successful? Whose Dream?

Mallinger Did the Corresponding. It Was Not So Heavy.

Selection of the Delegates Important.

Who Authorized?

Special Thanks to Jean Mallinger

FUDOSI Now in Hands of Mallinger and Marc Lanval.

"I must pay our respects also to the noble men and women of Europe and other lands who made this *great* convention a *marvelous success* [!]. To bring into realization a dream of many years and to plan every detail of such a busy week is no small task. The amount of personal correspondence passing between the convention secretary and the hundreds [?] of representatives of various organizations *throughout* the world, covering a period of *many* years [?], the study and classification of their submitted documents, the *selection of delegates* and the preparation of research matter in a number of languages, was an almost superhuman task for a small group of authorized [?] committeemen in Brussels. Too much appreciation can never be expressed to the Venerable Illustrious Imperator of Europe and his staff and to Dr. Jean Mallinger.

"Now the great task of international correspondence falls to *Dr. Mallinger's* hands and to the Federation Secretary, *Illustrious Frater Marc Lanval.* Every one of the Fraters and Sorores displayed the utmost consideration and enthusiasm, and it was a great pleasure to meet with these charming personalities from so many countries." (*Id.*, p. 380.)

Throughout this report, the effort is apparent upon its face to leave the false impression that this so-called Congress or Convention was a huge meeting of delegates from outstanding, worthwhile and authentic Mystic Societies and Occult Orders from all over the world; that it was inspired, ordained and directed by the Great White Brotherhood, and that it was of international scope, and of vast importance, whereas, in truth and in fact, it was a small and insignificant meeting principally composed of clandestine Masons, pretenders and usurpers and representatives of fabricated

and spurious orders, meeting with a few deceived and misguided mystics, occultists and representatives of reputable orders and societies. Indeed, as we have seen, it was, from its inception, the master scheme of an arch impostor, and the meeting—if we can dignify it by calling it a convention or congress—was at all times under his perfect control and cunning manipulation.

In view of this true state of facts, the labored effort made, in the two paragraphs last above set forth, by the use of suave tactics and silken, oily language, to leave the false impression that said meeting was a "great convention" and a "marvelous success," is obviously preposterous—so much so that it must raise serious and well-founded suspicion and therefore becomes a *Badge of Fraud.*

However, these two paragraphs are more than Badges of Fraud. They tell the inside story and contain corroborative evidence which makes complete the proof of Lewis' said scheme to use the meeting and some innocent, upright individuals of good standing for his personal ends and as a *fraudulent device* as aforesaid.

The European Confederates

The "Authorized Committeemen"

It was Jean Mallinger, his cunning and able European confederate, with his newly made clandestine Masons, who constituted the "small group of authorized committeemen in Brussels"—duly authorized by Lewis. It was Lawyer Mallinger who did all of the correspondence, not with the *"hundreds* of representatives of various organizations throughout the world," covering a period of "many years," but during the years 1933 and 1934, principally with persons residing in Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland. It was Dr. Mallinger who induced a few worthy men to attend, and reputable societies to send representatives to the meeting; who selected the great majority of the delegates[8] to control the meeting, and who called the meeting to bring "into realization a dream of many years," as planned and designed by Lewis in his master scheme. It was Advocate Mallinger who controlled the "Venerable Illustrious Imperator of Europe" and caused him to preside at the meeting and to praise "our Imperator" and his "great work in

[8] See the Exposé of the French Masons, p. 249, *supra,* where it is shown that "the delegates were selected in secret session."

America." It was Friend Mallinger who made the Lewistonian scheme and fraudulent device a seemingly "marvelous success." It was International Correspondent Mallinger, assisted by Federation Secretary Marc Lanval, who took care of all of the "sub rosa" trickery and crooked business of the FUDOSI after it had been fabricated by chicanery, under cover of deception, and who certified to the authenticity of Lewis' spurious R. C. Order and Family Racket. Therefore, Lewis duly acknowledges such outstanding and superb services with grateful acknowledgment and inexpressible appreciation, thereby revealing the conspiracy with his European Masonic confederates and accepting the joint liability for their nefarious acts, which have been fully exposed and are now generally known in Europe.

Now, Mallinger was deeply interested in a scheme to set up a clandestine Masonic Supreme Grand Lodge or Sovereign Sanctuary in Europe. Lewis, who has long used Masons and Masonry to promote his spurious and fraudulent Masonic-Rose Cross business in America, was vitally interested in setting up an International R. C. Council to give plausible appearance to the regularity of his faked and spurious Rosicrucian claims and to certify to the authenticity of his fraternal racket or hierarchy of fraud. And, Marc Lanval, not particularly interested in Masonry or the Rosy Cross, was intent on spreading his fallacious and detestable sex doctrines and practices. *Thus, the unholy trinity of usurpers, impostors and sexologists, with their strange community of divergent interests, formed an ultra sub rosa inner council of "wire-pullers" by which they controlled the* FUDOSI, *sat in judgment upon all regular and authentic occult orders, mystic societies and fraternities of the world, and caused the* FUDOSI *to recognize their superior worth and to certify to their unusual virtues.*

Lewis, the Hierophant of the Great White Lodge of Tibet, gave Mallinger and his clandestine and expelled Masons a "Masonic" charter, recognized and authenticated their Co-Masonic lodges and female Masonry. Mallinger and Lewis approved of Lanval's *League of Heliophile Propaganda* of liberty, nudism and La Karezza doctrine of sex perversion. And Lanval, the Great Chancellor, sent the kiss of peace[9] to our great American Imperator and certified to the Rosicrucian authenticity of his family racket

[9] See our Reproduction No. 52, to be presently reviewed in the text.

and to the regularity of his hierarchy of fraud, which finally settled all questions of Rosicrucian authority, regularity and authenticity "for us in North America." Therefore, in connection with this most unusual state of facts, the remaining portion of Lewis' glowing account of his achievements and his "official" report of the FUDOSI becomes most interesting and revealing.

Rosicrucian Authenticity Settled

"For Us in North America"—But How?

Italics Are Ours.

Settled by Lewis in Favor of Lewis.

Propaganda to Reverse the Facts.

The Devil a Saint Would Be!

"For us in North America, this world conclave means the *ultimate* and *final* settlement of a century-old dispute among the uninitiated seekers for the mystical paths. How often we in America and Canada have heard it said by perplexed seekers, editors, publishers, researchers and curious alike, 'Why does not some competent *body of individuals* declare which of the claimants for recognition are authentic and which are merely pretenders?' With a large number of indiscriminate publishers of alluring books claiming *Rosicrucian* and *Great White Lodge* connections on one hand and a number of radically different movements of strange philosophies claiming Rosicrucian and mystical authenticity on the other hand, and a sort of a free-for-all use of the word *Rosicrucian* and other ancient terms and symbols *for purely commercial* uses, it was rather disquieting to the sincere and careful seeker, *most especially in America.*" (*Id.*, p. 380.)

This fraternal racketeer and pseudo occultist humbug extraordinary, having created this "century-old dispute" some twenty-one years ago by the fabrication of his spurious Masonically promoted R. C. Order, "for purely commercial uses," goes to Europe and set up his own plausible contrivance and *fraudulent device* which finally settled all questions of Rosicrucian authority and authenticity for us in North America.

Most criminals would create their own court, acquit themselves and create devices to carry on their careers of crime, if they were smart enough and sufficiently cunning to do so. However, when they attempt to do so they always provide the evidence for their

own conviction and ultimately settle, beyond doubt, the question of their guilt.

The devil, when a saint he would be, assumes all the virtues of the angels and accuses the saints and angels of using their high and holy offices for unworthy purposes and "for purely commercial uses," then proceeds to collect royal revenues and holy tithes from his deluded victims for his own use and for the glory of his hierarchy of cunning deception with "Great White Lodge connections."

By and with the foregoing bit of cunning propaganda to reverse the facts, Lewis has settled a *Badge of Fraud* upon his fraternal business and mystical enterprise that should leave no doubt in the minds of "perplexed seekers, editors, publishers, researchers or the curious."

But how was the Rosicrucian authenticity of the Lewistonian hierarchy finally settled "for us in North America"? Well, that was easy. Lewis founded the FUDOSI and created the "Supreme Triangle" of competent judges, whose "decrees must be final," and with the assistance of his willing and obliging confederates, Dr. Mallinger, lawyer and advocate, and Illustrious Frater Marc Lanval, engineer and sexologist, the entire matter was settled, *ex parte,* and finally, and so certified under the hand and seal of Marc Lanval with the Kiss of Peace.[10]

However, there are two very pertinent facts and conclusive circumstances which the reader and investigators must take into consideration in connection herewith and keep in mind, to wit:

(1) When Lewis had the opportunity to submit the question of his authority and the Rosicrucian authenticity of his organization to a competent body for investigation and final decision in America, he refused to do so.[1]

(2) And, when it was charged that his organization is a family racket, a delusion and a fraud, he paid Fifteen Thousand Dollars to prevent the truth being proven in an American Court,[2] and later went abroad and established his own court. Let us continue with his report of the proceedings in his court, which is:

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[10] See our Reproduction No. 52.

[1] See Book Three, Volume One, pp. 131 to 171, both inclusive.

[2] See Chapter One, this volume, *supra.*

"A Truly Competent Body" of Last and Final Jurisdiction

Italics Are Ours.

Vicious and False Propaganda Is a Badge of Fraud.

> "Now a truly competent body composed of the highest recognized officers of the oldest and *most* authenticated mystical and initiatic orders and societies of the world has examined the charters, papers of origin, doctrines and teachings of each other and *invited all claimants to submit their evidence* for similar examination. The result was the gradual falling by the wayside of dozens of small organizations in America and Europe which could not, or would not, attempt to prove any of the claims they have been making so bombastically for many years." (*Id.*, p. 380.)

The bold arrogance with which this vicious propaganda was issued is unprecedented. It is *absolutely false,* and Mrs. Ralph M. Lewis did not write it. We exonerate her fully. It is the product of an unscrupulous heart and distorted imagination. It was conceived, written and circulated by the Imperator of the Lewistonian Hierarchy.

The "truly competent body, composed of the highest recognized officers of the oldest and *most* authenticated mystical and initiatic orders and societies," is the "Supreme Triangle," composed of "Dr." H. Spencer Lewis, who fabricated his mystical racket in the year A.D., 1915; Dr. Victor Blanchard, who instituted his clandestine orders in the year 1920, and Mr. Danthine, "known only to the world as *Sar Hieronymus,*" who became the Dean of the fabricated Rose ✠ Croix University of Belgium and the spurious AMORC of Europe about the year 1932 or 1933, A.D. As for hoary age, these bodies fail to qualify, and as to the competency of the above-named gentlemen to pass upon the teachings, doctrines and authenticity of the occult orders, mystic societies and fraternities of the world—why, it is ridiculous—a huge joke, a crude buffoonery!

Lewis has put his brother members of the "Supreme Triangle" in an embarrassing position. Neither Blanchard nor Danthine has laid claims to such competency or asserted such prerogatives. The truth of the matter is that neither the delegates nor persons in the meeting nor members of the FUDOSI, nor the "Imperators" of the "Supreme Triangle" examined or passed upon the teachings, doc-

trines and charters of any of the organizations represented at the meeting. That was not the purpose of the meeting. Lewis and Mallinger only invited a few authentic organizations to participate —and only those they felt sure they could deceive and use—their credentials needed no examination or certification. As to their own, they knew they could not stand the test, so they certified to them in the manner aforesaid.

Now, the authentic Rose Cross Orders in Europe and America were not invited to participate or "to submit their evidence for similar examination," and they did not fall by the "wayside because they could not, or would not, attempt to prove any of the claims they have been making so bombastically for so many years." That is willful and vicious propaganda, vociferously made by a bombastic pretender. It is a grandiloquent *Badge of Fraud.*

When Impostors Judge They Become "Eminent Historians"

Italics Are Ours.
Eminent Historians—Mallinger, Lanval and "Dr." Lewis!

Pure Ballyhoo!

Presumptuous Charlatans Only Make Such Claims. They Are Badges of Fraud.

"The fourteen organizations or orders finally recognized by the *eminent historians* and archivists of Europe and having indisputable authenticity and recognized authorization, include those which have been known to students and investigators for four centuries or more or trace their continuous existence into the dark ages. *No more competent body of judges* of initiatic orders could be formed anywhere in the world [!]. *Its decisions and decrees must be final* [!!], since there are no other groups or individuals outside of this new Federation which can *impeach* or *even question* the high competency of knowledge or unbiased attitude of such a conclave [!!!]. That AMORC of North America is the only Rosicrucian Order representative of this Federation in the Western World is a satisfactory solution to the many problems which have confronted the investigator for many years." (*Id.*, p. 380.)

When the founder and the perpetrators of this scheme called the FUDOSI, namely, Lewis and his confederates, Mallinger and Lanval—all pretenders and impostors—sit in judgment upon the legitimate and authentic orders, societies and fraternities of the

world, they suddenly become "eminent" historians and archivists—keepers of the records. Very well, let us keep their records straight for them. Of the twelve organizations represented at the meeting and the two admitted afterward to the FUDOSI, none of them can trace their origin and existence back through many years of time. This is true of the few legitimate organizations that were represented at the so-called convention and that accepted membership in FUDOSI, and incidentally it may be noted that none of said legitimate organizations were represented on the "Supreme Triangle" or among the officers, and their representatives on the Advisory Council were in the hopeless minority. The great majority, practically all of the so-called orders that were represented at said meeting, were clandestine and spurious, the oldest of them having been instituted or fabricated but a few years ago, most of them having been fabricated since the year 1930.

Therefore, all this Lewistonian propaganda about these fourteen organizations "having indisputable authenticity and recognized authorization," some of which can trace their existence for more than four centuries and others into the dark ages, is pure ballyhoo. Upon its face it is suspicious, and when it is made known that AMORC of North America is the only "Rosicrucian Order" representing the FUDOSI in the Western World, the growing suspicion becomes grave.

Whenever anyone tells you that the representative of only fourteen orders in convention assembled are the most competent body of judges in the world of philosophy, occultism, mysticism and fraternalism and of the authenticity and regularity of the occult orders, mystic societies and fraternities of all the world, you would conclude, with charity and jest, that it was just a huge joke—that someone was merely jesting. Because you know that fourteen such orders, even though they be real orders, with more or less occult illumination, mystic intuition and general erudition, did not and could not possess a monopoly on wisdom and truth and that they were not the most competent or the only competent body in the world on such subjects. Moreover, you would know that if they were real, genuine and worthy orders and societies they would not be so presumptuous as to make such a ridiculous and childish claim—nor would they permit anyone to make such a bombastic and presumptuous claim in their behalf.

Over-Presumptuous Claims

Loud-Speaking Badges of Fraud

However, when you are told that "no more *competent* body of judges of initiatic orders could be formed anywhere in the world"; that "its decisions and decrees *must be final,*" and that "no other groups or individuals outside of this new Federation can impeach or even question the high competency of knowledge or unbiased attitude" of such judges; and at the same time you know that such statements have been made with reference to the so-called governing body of the FUDOSI, namely, the "Supreme Triangle," composed of H. Spencer Lewis and two others, but under his absolute control, which said body, or International Secretary Lanval, in its name, certified that Lewis' fabricated and spurious R. C. Order is the only genuine Rosicrucian Order in America, and you are aware of the fact that no such claim was made in the official report published in Europe,[3] but that the claim is made *only* in America by Lewis, who has an axe to grind, then you begin to realize what it is all about and you can see the foul scheming and despicable trickery, as well as the reason therefor, behind it all.

It is then that you realize and know, absolutely know, that these ridiculous claims so vociferously and imprudently made by Lewis are loud-speaking *Badges of Fraud.*

The Certificate of the F-U-D-O-S-I

By Marc Lanval

We have reviewed and quoted in full and *verbatim* Mr. Lewis' report of the convention of Brussels and the FUDOSI. In the same magazine in which his said report was published, he also published several very small fac-similes of "Interesting Documents,"[4] which he says were issued to "Imperator H. Spencer Lewis"—for his sole use and benefit, we suppose—at the recent "Rosicrucian and Federation Convention and Congresses," held in Brussels, Belgium. In the center of these small *fac-similes* of "Interesting Documents" is the Certificate of the FUDOSI, by Marc Lanval, International

[3] The report published as a supplement to La Rose ✠ Croix which we have heretofore reviewed.

[4] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1934, p. 396.

Sexologist and Secretary of the FUDOSI. In his latest propaganda booklet, *The Secret Heritage,*[5] he published a larger fac-simile of the letter of transmittal and the last paragraph or the last part of the four separate pages of this most memorable and extraordinary (!!) "Certificate of the FUDOSI," by Marc Lanval and *Sar Helios,* one and the same. This certificate is reproduced herein[6] for convenience and study of the reader. It can be read with the aid of a good reading glass.

In view of the most unusual and astounding claims set forth in the foregoing report in the paragraphs numbered "(1)" to "(8)," both inclusive, it will be interesting and informative to read and review said certificate, shown in our fac-simile reproduction No. 52; perhaps it will be a revelation.

The heading and salutation of the document, in not altogether classical Latin, reads thus:

F. U. D. O. S. I.

FEDERATION UNIVERSALIS DIRIGENS ORDIUS SOCIETATESQUE INITIATIONIS

PAX VERITAS

TOLERANTIA

SALUTEM SUPER OMNES PUNCTOS SACRI TRIANGULI

ALLELUIA!

"FRA: Spencer H. Lewis, Imperator AMORC Cathedra Magni Corallani (?) Valla Braseilensi (Belgia) Dia: 23 Mensi 9 Anna: 34

"VALLE *St. Jose, California, U. S. A.*

Magnus Cancellarium—Scriptor, Pacia Osculum

Salutemque suam tibi mittit, in Luce Veritatis—Salve Frater!"

[5] First Edition, copyrighted 1935, Official Publication No. 17.

[6] Our Reproduction No. 52 at end of this part.

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

This may be freely translated and Anglicized to read thus:

"F. U. D. O. S. I.

"FEDERATION UNIVERSAL DIRECTING ORDERS AND SOCIETIES OF INITIATION

PEACE *TRUTH*

TOLERANCE

"Greetings on All Points of the Sacred Triangle

Halleluiah! (Praise Ye the Lord)

"Fra: Spencer H. Lewis, Imperator AMORC

"Valley of San Jose, California, U. S. A. Within the Cathedral Walls of Charlemagne of Belgium,[7] September 23, 1934

"The Great Chancellor—the writer, sends you the Kiss of Peace and his greetings, in the Light of Truth—Hail Brother!"

This *Kiss of Peace,* indeed, it is a most magnificent and fitting greeting for the Great Chancellor, Sexologist and international advocate of Nudism[8] to send from Europe to his friend and close associate, the *Reverend Sobhita Bhikku,* arch pretender, foremost fabricator of R. C. Orders and illuminated teacher of Aleister Crowley's Black Magic Sex doctrine: *"Do what thou wilt,"*[9] in America!

It may also be noted that the greetings are on *All Points of the Triangle,* which is a Masonic greeting of Masons of the Order of Memphis-Mizraim. However, you may conclude, as we have concluded, that Frater Marc Lanval was overgenerous and perhaps overenthusiastic with his "Halleluiahs," because, after all, nothing had been accomplished for which the Lord should be praised or for which He was in any way responsible.

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[7] The translator, who is an excellent Latin scholar, is not sure of the correctness of this translation of these two lines—the Latin text is not very clear. However, it purports to have been written and dated within the walls of some cathedral in Belgium, no doubt entirely mythical.

[8] See our Reproductions Nos. 53, 53A and 53B.

[9] See our Reproduction No. 59 of Lewis' lesson embodying the Crowley Black Magic doctrine. Also see Part Five to follow.

AMORC the Only R. C. "Association"

The document of "Certification" continues, including the greetings in Latin above translated, as follows:

Kiss of Peace.
Light of Truth.

"The Great Chancellor—the writer—sends you the *Kiss of Peace* and his greetings in the *Light of Truth*—Hail, Brother!

Italics Are Ours.
"Perfect Plan."

"He wishes to send herewith the *true* and *exact* translation of the *Perfect Plan* of the Labors of the Universal Convent of the Initiatic Orders which took place in the Valley of Brussels on the 14th of August, 1934.

Very Illustrious
Spencer H. Lewis.

"He wishes to call the attention of his V.·.Ill.·.B.·.Spencer H. Lewis, Imperator, AMORC, and member of the Supreme Triangle of the FUDOSI, on the Par. No. 4, Sheet 3, of this document, which says:

"Unanimously."

> " 'It is to be noted that the Convent decides at *unanimity* to recognize the AMORC as the ONLY regular Rosicrucian Association in North America.'

The Symbol Is a
Masonic Apron.

"He wishes to inform him that the blocks representing the FUDOSI's *symbol* have been posted to him as registrated matter. The big one is intended to be used in *The Rosicrucian Digest* and other publications; the other one must only be used on letter paper, being the official mark of recognition as AMORC, member of the FUDOSI.

Seals—Documents?

"He would be obliged to receive acknowledgment of this *seal*, also of the *documents* herewith contained.

"He wishes to request AMORC to appoint the TWO members of the Interinitiatic Permanent Committee, as decided at the Convent.

Great Honors!

"He wishes to remind the V.·.Ill.·.B.·.Imperator of all the *kindest* regards and *love* of *all* his Brothers in Europe, and he informs him that the different agreeable missions which came forth out of his letter of September 10th have been duly fulfilled.

Duly Obeyed.

"He wishes to express the interest with which he expects tidings and news for the FUDOSI from the V.·.Ill.·.B.·.Imperator and . . . Pax Profunda Om-

nibus Heminibus Bonae Voluntatis! Tibique Onctukan Fraternaum Stann (Profound Peace to All Men of Good Will, etc.)!

Profound Peace.

"Fra Magnus Secratarius:
"(Brother Great Secretary),
"(Masonic Seal) Sar Helios, etc."

From the foregoing we learn that the "Perfect Plan of the Labors" of the FUDOSI took place and were completed, as certified, on August 14, 1934, that is, within one day. Therefore, the elaborate description of the "Great European Conclave," with its vast preparation, long daily sessions and nightly initiations, etc., etc., may not be true, after all. As a matter of fact, the main meeting of so-called delegates was held and adjourned the same day. The other meetings, if any, were meetings of Lewis with his confederates, whereby his master scheme aforesaid was perfected and put into execution.

One Brother Fakir to Another

With its "Halleluiah," the Lord be praised; with its "Kiss of Peace" in the "Light of Truth" and with its "profound peace to all men of good will," this very much overdone, overglowing and overaffectionate letter of the Great Chancellor, "Fra Magnus Secratarius" and notorious nudist advocate to "his Very Illustrious Brother, Spencer H. Lewis, Imperator, AMORC," the Reverend *Sobhita Bhikku of the* Great White Lodge of Tibet and promoter extraordinary of fabricated mystical orders, beyond all doubt, is an outstanding classic in the fantastic literature of humbuggery and fraternal racketeering. Collusion between the Thrice-Illustrious Imperator and his Great Chancellor is written all over it. Indeed, dressed in its highly colorful language and plentitude of exaggerated certification, it is an aurora borealis of chicanery, reflecting its myriads of dark shades across its fair-speaking face from the deep pit of collusive deception.

To be sure that such is the case, let us reason together. If the certificate transmitted had been a genuine certificate by a righteous power and a competent authority certifying to an authentic and undeniable fact, instead of a falsified, fabricated document designed to be used as a fraudulent device, it would have been submitted

with a simple letter. There is no need to gild the lily. If it had been a genuine document really attesting to the facts its purports to certify, Lewis would have published the document in its entirety, since the document is the best evidence of its contents. The fact that he published this much overdrawn letter of fulsome praise with only small parts of the document, for which he claims so much but which in reality established nothing save the fraud it would perpetuate, indeed, all in all, they are most suspicious circumstances and *Badges of Fraud.*

Parts of the Alleged Certificate as Published by Lewis

Let us examine the parts of the four-page certificate by the Great Chancellor purporting to give the "Perfect Plan of the Labors" of the FUDOSI and to authenticate Lewis' spurious R. C. Order in America. That which purports to be the end of page 1 (as shown in our said Reproduction No. 52) is as follows:

Italics Are Ours.

The High Purpose and Sub Rosa Purpose.

"These delegates spoke in succession in order to trace the high importance of this Convent, which showed itself *indispensable* to the *salvage of Humanity* on account of the troubled period in which we actually live. At *unanimity* it was decided to start the *Convent Labors* on the *same day* in *secret, Sub Rosa session* in which should take part the sole delegates of the different Orders represented at the Convent."

This is sealed and attested by Marc Lanval under his nom de plume, Sar Helios.

Here again, in another short paragraph of another "official" document, a large portion of the true story of the FUDOSI is retold and clearly indicated. The delegates met in a speech-making session, stressing the *high aims* of the federation, so indispensable to the salvation of humanity; to glorify the Imperator of North America, who originated and fathered the great idea; to pass "unanimously" and perfunctorily the resolutions prepared and carefully arranged in advance; to appoint the committees, and to elect the officers, all of which was done in accordance with the well-laid plans of Lewis. And the meeting adjourned, with all the committees

named by Lewis' confederates and the "Supreme Triangle" in his control, as has been shown. When the fireworks of the main meeting were over, then the working out of the master scheme of *the Reverend Sobhita Bhikku,* alias H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator, with his confederates in "secret Sub Rosa session," was accomplished, producing the results herein discussed, among which is this certificate of the authenticity of Lewis' fraternal racket and the *"true* and *exact* translation of the perfect plan of the labors" of the FUDOSI.

The Great International Chancellor

How and Why Appointed

The conclusion of the second page of the certificate, as published by Lewis and shown in our reproduction above noted, reads thus:

Italics Are Ours.

Duties Defined.

How Appointed.

"Permanent International Secretary. An international permanent secretary will be immediately established in the Valley of Brussels. Its mission will be not only to keep regular and constant relations between all affiliated Orders, but also to bring together all possible interesting documentation, in order to be able to document the affiliates on all initiatic problems. Every six months reports will be published on the activities of all the affiliated Orders by this organization. The Convent delegates at *unanimity*, after the *proposition* of Ill.·.Bb.·.*Spencer H. Lewis* and *John Mallinger,* our V.·.Ill.·.B.·. *Marc Lanval,* engineer, 33°.:.8.:.I.:.and HERM:: to this post of grand interinitiatic secretary."

This page is signed and sealed in the same manner as page 1.

The statements of the objects of the office of the International Secretary and his duties here stated are the same as stated in the official report published in Europe in the Rose ✠ Croix magazine which we have reviewed. There is nothing here or in the other published "official" report that would indicate that it was his duty to certify to the authenticity of unauthentic orders or fraternal rackets. That was the "Convent Labors" which were worked out in "secret Sub Rosa session" of Lewis and Mallinger, with Marc Lanval.

This certificate, as well as other pertinent facts appearing in this

volume, shows why Marc Lanval, engineer, was appointed International Secretary. This paragraph reveals to us *how* he was appointed. It was upon the motion of H. Spencer Lewis, seconded by his aide de camp, Jean Mallinger, and approved *unanimously* by meeting under their perfect control. The entire inside story of the aforesaid master scheme of Lewis is so completely told by this document, as well as other documents of the FUDOSI referred to or published by him, that it needs no further comment from us. Let official investigators take due notice and proceed accordingly.

It is a trifle mystifying how page 3 of this remarkable (!) certificate could show the statement: "Moreover are represented and admitted in the FUDOSI," which should precede Number One of the orders admitted, whereas it is shown as immediately preceding orders Numbers Eleven and Twelve, admitted. Well, perhaps, Mr. Lewis just "fixed it"—that is, as he has "fixed" other documents. The "supposed-to-be" conclusion of page 3 is shown thus:

> "Moreover, are represented and admitted in the FUDOSI:
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> Note This Church. "11/ The Universal Gnostic Church, of which Fra Sar Yesyr is the delegate.
>
> "12/ The Brotherhood of the Illuminated Brother of the R. C., whose delegate is Fra Amertis.
>
> "Other Orders, Societies and Brotherhoods may be admitted later after application and recognition."

The conclusion of this page is signed and sealed as the preceding pages. In passing, let us record, for the record, that the Universal Gnostic Church was not represented by *Fra Sar Yesyr,* Victor Blanchard. We have in our files the statement of the head of that Church that Mr. Blanchard nor no one else had authority to represent that Church at the Brussels meeting of clandestine Masons, pseudo occultists, pretenders and deceived occultists. Moreover, Mr. Lewis does not include it in his list of FUDOSI organizations published in April, 1935, which we shall presently discuss.

The Inside Scheme as Certified by Marc Lanval, Alias Sar Helios

The conclusion of page 4, the concluding page of this uniquely constructed document of reckless absurdity which indiscreetly re-

veals that which it would conceal and exposes the plot of the schemers whose devices and projects it was intended to aid, concluded under a rare and unique certification by the Great Chancellor, sexologist and nudist advocate—*one of Lewis' ready and handy confederates,* as follows:

Italics Are Ours.

The Conspirators Reveal Themselves.

". . . of all races, of all religious opinions. Fra Blanchard magnifies the true brotherly love and the good will bestowed to the young organization by all the delegates. *Fra Spencer Lewis* calls for three cheers in ritual battery for *Fra Mallinger, Fra Lanval* and *Fra Delaive*, who did the spiritual and material organization of the Convent. After a few words of thanks by *Fra Mallinger*, the Convent is definitely closed in a spirit of warm and brotherly enthusiasm.

Under Supervision. *Supreme Triangle* Under Control of H. Spencer Lewis.

"By order of WHAT is Above, *under the supervision* of the *Supreme Triangle* of the FUDOSI, I, Marc Lanval, certify, in quality of GT. Secret : : Inter: : this translation to be truly and exactly made from the original in French *signed* and *sealed* by the *proper* authorities, each of these four sheets bearing my signature and seal."

Thus it was, and so it is, that the chief designer of the master scheme of the FUDOSI, upon seeing his scheme apparently worked out and his device constructed, in his indiscreet enthusiasm and momentary gratitude, called for "three cheers in ritual battery" for Mallinger, Lanval and Delaive, his trinity of discredited and clandestine Masons, "who did the spiritual (!) and *material organization* of the Convent" and the "wire-pulling" and manipulation at the Great Conclave of Charlatans and Impostors. Thus he revealed the personnel, the reckless band of conspirators, who ostensibly organized a federation of mystic orders and fraternal societies in the name of universal brotherhood, to be used as a fraudulent device to promote world-wide fraternal racketeering and mystic swindling in connection with clandestine and spurious orders, societies and fraternities.

We learned about Brothers Mallinger, Lanval and Delaive, the discredited and Clandestine Masons, who conspired with Brother Lewis, alias the *Reverend Sobhita Bhikku,* under his spurious

Masonic Charter[1] of the Great White Lodge of Tibet, to form a clandestine Sovereign Sanctuary of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim and to establish Female or Co-Masonry. It will be particularly recalled that Frater Delaive, alias *Sar Kopras,* is the director and head of the Co-Masonic section of the clandestine operations. If the reader will kindly turn to our Reproduction of this alleged certificate,[2] it will at once be seen that the certificate is made under what purports to be the seal of a Mason and under the grand seal of the FUDOSI, which contains a Masonic apron with its flap turned up as it is worn in a certain degree of Masonry. Thus it is revealed, and the fact, as we have heretofore shown, corroborated, that Lewis conspired with these scheming Clandestine Masons to secure this faked certificate of the Rosicrucian authenticity of his Masonically promoted fraternal swindle in America.

Self-Directed, Falsified Certificate Made Under His Own Supervision

From the beginning and in all his statements, Lewis has used the utmost endeavors and the greatest cunning to make it appear that it was the learned and distinguished delegates and high initiates of all the leading initiatic orders of the world in attendance at the greatest and by far the most important world-wide conclave, who examined into his claims to Rosicrucian authority in America and who certified to their authenticity—but, lo and behold! here we have Brother Marc Lanval, revealing the truth and certifying to the fact that it was done *not by* the FUDOSI in convention assembled, but merely "under the *supervision* of the *Supreme Triangle,*" controlled by Lewis. Therefore, it is in effect, a self-made and self-directed falsified certification of an absolutely false state of facts, made by Lewis for his own use and sole benefit, and as a *fraudulent device* for the further promotion of his family racket and fraternal swindle.

To strengthen and sustain this device and to give unjustified dignity and substantial standing to the FUDOSI, in his official organ,

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[1] See Exposé of the Sovereign Sanctuary of France, Order Memphis-Mizraim, Part One, this chapter, pp. 249 and 251, *supra.*

[2] See Reproduction No. 52.

in April, 1935,[3] Lewis says that:

Mallinger, *et al.*, the Committee.

New Committee Also Mallinger's Cohorts.

"Although a committee had been at work for over four years analyzing the claims, the teachings, the principles and ceremonies of a score of organizations which were being considered possible applicants for admission into the federation, only sixteen or seventeen organizations were invited to send officers and delegates to the congress. Fourteen of these were tentatively admitted until the newly formed credential committee could function properly; and since that congress was held, the official report of this committee has included an official list of the organizations admitted to the federation and now forming that federation."

This statement sustains and corroborates the facts heretofore shown, that for three or four years before this congress of clandestine, spurious and deceived orders assembled, Mallinger and his discredited Masons in conspiracy with Lewis had been creating spurious orders and perfecting the scheme and device called the FUDOSI. Mallinger and his cohorts were the original "Committee," and they were also the "newly formed credential committee" of the congress. At no time since the scheme and device was first conceived by Lewis and its execution was begun in 1931 by Mallinger and his cohorts, in conspiracy with Lewis, have they lost control of the machinery which created and which has since operated and controlled the FUDOSI for their own purposes and in furtherance of their schemes and devices.

Here it is revealed that all occult orders, mystic societies and fraternities of the world were *not* invited to submit their claims and teachings to an authorized, qualified and genuine committee for the purpose of forming a real and worthy federation of organizations for the uplift of mankind and the realization of true brotherhood, with peace on earth and good will to men. Only a "score" of organizations, clandestine, spurious or otherwise, were considered by "a committee" composed of Lewis, Mallinger and their coconspirators, as being useful in the perfection of their schemes and devices; "only *sixteen* or *seventeen* were invited" to participate in

[3] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1935, p. 97. This is an elaborate propagandistic article which all investigators and students of occult frauds should carefully study in the light of the facts set forth in this work. It begins at p. 95 and concludes on p. 99.

the "Great Conclave" and only fourteen of these were found to be available and useful for the formation of the FUDOSI and the creation of the perfected *fraudulent device.*

In the above-mentioned article, written by Lewis, "The Imperator," under the heading of *"Our International Federation,"* and immediately following the foregoing quotation therefrom, he gives a complete list of the organizations of the alleged federation, as finally arranged, doctored and fixed up by Lewis, Mallinger, Lanval *et al.,* as follows:

"Our International Federation"

"By the Imperator"

The FUDOSI in French and Latin. But in English It Spells *Fraudulent Device.*

"The name of the federation as adopted during the congress last July [?] was (in French) 'Federation Universelle des Ordres et Societes Initiatiques,' or, in the Latin, 'Federatio Universalis Dirigens Ordines Societatesque Initiationis.' It will be noticed that in this official name (the initials of which give us the abbreviated form FUDOSI) the word initiatic or the qualifying word relating to initiations is very definite. The present list of the allied organizations is as follows: Ordre de la Rose Croix Universitaire, Ordre de la AMORC, Ordre Occultiste de Hermes Trismegistus, Ordre Martiniste, Confraternite des Freres Illumines de la Rose Croix, Ordre des Samaritains Inconnus, Ordre Kabbalistique de la Rose Croix, Societe Alchemique de France, La Rose Croix Interieure et Invisible, Les Polaires, Ordre National des Druides, Clairamorc della Italia, Soc. Italiano di Psicbiologia, Cona Bruderschaft, Eglise Gnostique Universelle, Ordre Brahmanique Russe." (*The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1935, pp. 97 and 98.)

Mostly Spurious Orders Fabricated by Mallinger and H. Spencer Lewis

AMORC Now Allied Only With FUDOSI.

"In this way we wish to state definitely that the AMORC of North America is not allied in any sense or in any way, or interested in any way, secretly or outwardly, with any other organizations than those stated in the foregoing list of the FUDOSI Federation.

The Effort to Make

"It is interesting to note that a large number of the organizations in the Federation are actual Rosi-

an International R. C. Council.

crucian bodies of antiquity or Rosicrucian in nature. This indicates how deeply rooted the principles and teachings of Rosicrucianism have become in the various mystical and Hermetic organizations formed or created within the past centuries." (*Id.*, p. 99.)

The studied and labored effort is here seen to make an "International R. C. Council" out of the FUDOSI so as to give support and plausible credibility to the foregoing falacious certificate of Marc Lanval that AMORC is the only Rosicrucian organization in America.

A Spurious Masonic Congress Creating an International R. C. Council

Notwithstanding the fact that the Congress of Brussels, August, 1934, was held principally by discredited Masons and representatives of clandestine and fabricated Masonic bodies of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim, Lewis has carefully concealed that state of facts in his propaganda and his effort to use it as a Rosicrucian Congress and an International R. C. Council to give plausible authenticity to his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal racket.

To make it more impressive for the credulous and more attractive for the gullible, he gives the name of all the organizations alleged to be affiliated with the FUDOSI in French, even to his own AMORC, which he calls "Ordre de la AMORC." Aside from the few legitimate organizations which originally adhered to the FUDOSI on account of deception and under misapprehension, all of the organizations listed by Lewis are clandestine organizations or outright fabrications, most of them having been fabricated by Mallinger and his discredited Masonic cohorts under the plans and inspiration of "our great American Imperator." Of the fourteen organizations listed as originally adhering to the FUDOSI, not a single one, strictly speaking, is a Rosicrucian Order, and it is certain, most certain, that no worthy and legitimate order, in any way affiliated with the Rosy Cross or teaching Rosicrucian philosophy, would have joined in said Congress of Clandestinism or would they have become affiliated with the FUDOSI, had the truth and the facts been known.

THE FUDOSI USED AS A DEVICE OF FRAUD

Although many of the organizations of the FUDOSI are mere fabrications and have taken and plagiarized Rosicrucian names, so as to give them the appearance of being R. C. Orders, yet Mr. Lewis tells us that: Over in Europe groups of persons could not organize themselves into a society and willfully or maliciously adopt the name of another organization as is so often done here in America." He should have said "as I have done here in America."[4] Continuing he said, "There could not be in Europe five or six Rosicrucian organizations, each claiming to be the genuine one, for each of them would have to immediately prove itself to be either real or a simulation." Yet he lists several fabricated organizations having Rosicrucian names, all from Europe, as part of the FUDOSI. Continuing, he further says: "And no one there would think of deliberately stealing or appropriating the name and symbols of another recognized organization."[5] Probably not, until he showed them the way and taught them how to do it. Here is a deliberate attempt to divert suspicion from the fabricated and spurious R. C. Orders adhering to the FUDOSI. On the face of the record and the known facts and circumstances of the formation of the FUDOSI, it becomes and is another *Badge of Fraud.*

AMORC Adheres Only to the Fudosi

So Says "Dr." Lewis, "Our Imperator"

Let it be particularly noted and definitely remembered by the reader and investigator that in April, 1935, H. Spencer Lewis definitely stated that: *"AMORC of North America is not allied in any sense or in any way, nor interested in any way, secretly or outwardly, with any other organizations than those stated in the foregoing list of the* FUDOSI." That statement is definite and positive. He disassociates himself from all other organizations, and adheres only to the FUDOSI. Upon his grand scheme and capital device, called the FUDOSI, he staked his all. By this definite action he allied himself with European clandestine Masonry of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis-Mizraim, thus forming the international alliance of clandestine Masonry and spurious Rosicrucianism. But,

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[4] See Book Four, Volume One, pp. 176 to 267.

[5] These quoted statements of Lewis are from the *Rosicrucian Forum,* December, 1934, Volume Five, pp. 68-69.

now that the Great Congress of Clandestinism has been exposed in both hemispheres and the FUDOSI has gone with the wind, one wonders what has become of the mythical International R. C. Council, of which Mr. Lewis is still the Vice-President.

However, according to latest accounts, he still adheres to the defunct FUDOSI and the mythical International R. C. Council. In *The Rosicrucian Digest,* December, 1936, he published a full-page photograph of himself (5 x 7½ inches), with the following statement printed beneath it, viz.:

> *"Dr. H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C."*
>
> "*Imperator* of AMORC for North and South America; *Vice-President* of the International Rosicrucian Council; *Legate* of the FUDOSI; Honorary Member of various arcane and philosophical brotherhoods; Vice-President of the Bacon Society of England; Cross of Honor and Knight of the Order of the Flag, U. S. A.; Cross of Honor of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of France, Belgium and Switzerland;[6] Chevalier of the Corda Fraters of Italy; Generalissimo for North and South America of the Malitia Crucifera Evangelica;[7] Chancellor of Rose Croix University, U. S. A.; *Doctor of Sciences* of the Rose Croix University of Belgium; Sovereign Grand Master of the *Martinist Order* of North America." (Italics are ours.)

Aside from the evidence of megalomania presented by the foregoing statement, it also confirms the intention of Mr. Lewis to introduce into the United States the *clandestine* Martinist Order of Victor Blanchard.[8] Here he again boldly reasserts his claim to the Sovereign Grand Mastership in North America of that clandestine Masonic Order in promotion and furtherance of his fraternal racket and Masonic-Rose Cross swindle. Again he asserts signal honors and high academic degrees from the Rose Croix University of Belgium—that fabricated institution which arrogantly proclaims itself to be the *"Ruler of the Sciences and the Arts."*[9]

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[6] See our Reproduction No. 41 and text of Part One of this chapter, pp. 231 to 235, *supra.*

[7] See Book Two, Volume One, pp. 88 to 127, to which Mr. Lewis made no reply or reference in his *White Book D.*

[8] See Part One, this chapter, pp. 257 to 261, *supra.*

[9] See our Reproduction No. 48A.

Here he asserts the academic degree of S. D., *Doctor of Sciences.* Heretofore, it will be recalled that in his testimony in court he asserted the academic degree of Ph.D., *Doctor of Philosophy.* Apparently both of these claims are asserted under his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1,"[10] which confers neither of these degrees, and by right could not confer such academic degrees.[1] Therefore, this preposterous claim to a degree of Doctor of Sciences from this hollow and counterfeit university becomes and is just another *Badge of Fraud* among the many which point to the most despicable, intricate and expansive fraternal fraud since time began.

The Fudosi a Device of Fraud Designed to Promote Fraternal Swindles

Dressed in the fantastic vestments of a world-wide movement for the universal federation of all occult orders, mystical societies and fraternities for the salvation of the world; with a fair-speaking tongue proclaiming the brotherhood of man, with peace on earth and good will to men; with the sublime object of eradicating all economic, social, religious and other conflicts from among the nations and races of men; declaring itself to be the ultimate *Utopia,* and with *"Excelsior"* inscribed upon its escutcheon, the FUDOSI was ushered into existence and proclaimed to the world by a band of discredited and clandestine Masons of the Freemasonic Order of Memphis-Mizraim, who assembled in the city of Brussels on August 14, 1934, to meet the representatives of the *Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet,* "Dr." H. Spencer Lewis, from the United States of America, alias the *Right Reverend Sobhita Bhikku,* otherwise "Rex, Universitatis Illuminati," for the aforesaid noble purposes and high objects—so modestly asserted, so graciously declared and so virtuously proclaimed to the world.

However, not all who assembled on that memorable day in that "never-to-be-forgotten" convention, were pseudo occultists, Masonic impostors, Rosicrucian pretenders or fraternal racketeers; a few were real occultists, representatives of worth-while organizations

[10] See our Reproduction No. 49 of his Important Document No. 1.

[1] See our Reproduction No. 50 for other titles asserted, including the academic degree of Ph.D.

and men of high purpose, but they were there laboring under deception and misapprehension and were in the hopeless minority. Besides, they did not know the real purpose of the meeting. If they had known they would not have been present, lending dignity and their good names to the questionable proceedings.

Yet, nevertheless, as soon as the convention had assembled under the tongue of good report, and its high purposes and worthy objects had been declared by resolutions carefully prepared, designedly presented and *unanimously* carried, the Great American Imperator, with the obliging assistance of his cunning confederate, Lawyer Mallinger, backed up by his discredited Masonic henchmen, converted it into a meeting for the endorsement of *clandestine Masonry* and the approval of *Female or Co-Masonry;* for the establishment of a *Supreme Triangle* to recognize and to certify to the authenticity of clandestine Masonry and spurious Rosicrucianism, and especially to recognize and certify to the regularity of the family racket and Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle of the Lewistonian Hierarchy of fraternal fraud in the U. S. A., and to appoint an International Secretary to so certify, which was accordingly so done under the Great Seal of the FUDOSI and the Masonic Seal, 33° of the aforesaid "Brother Magnus Secretarius."

Therefore, in the light of what has gone before, especially in this part and Part One of this chapter, and in view of all the circumstances of the case, *it is obvious* and *certain beyond cavil and doubt,* that the fair-faced and fantastically clothed FUDOSI is a nefarious, *fraudulent device,* cunningly designed and now used with the intent and for the purposes aforesaid.

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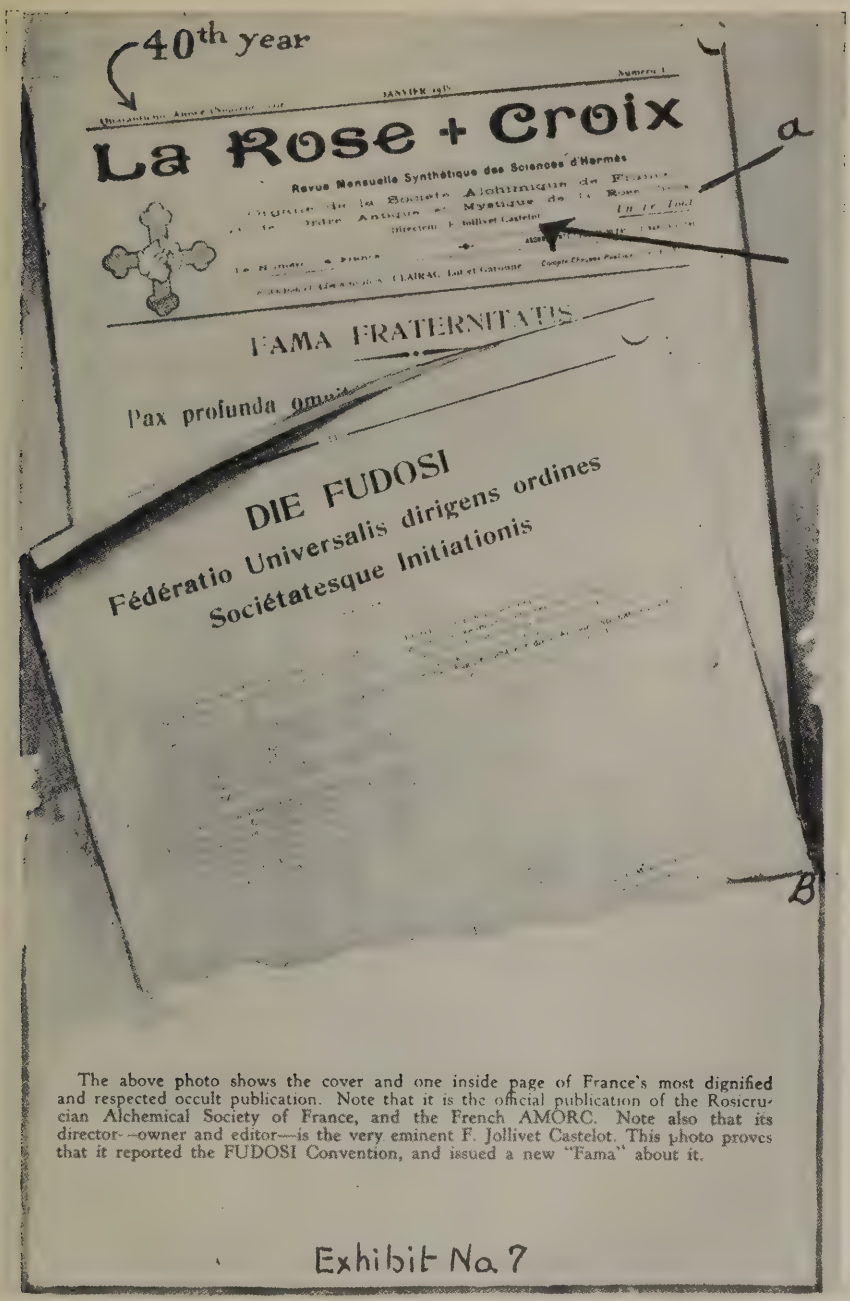
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FAMA FRATERNITATIS

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DIE FUDOSI

Fédératio Universalis dirigens ordines Sociétatesque Initiationis

B

The above photo shows the cover and one inside page of France's most dignified and respected occult publication. Note that it is the official publication of the Rosicrucian Alchemical Society of France, and the French AMORC. Note also that its director--owner and editor—is the very eminent F. Jollivet Castelot. This photo proves that it reported the FUDOSI Convention, and issued a new "Fama" about it.

Exhibit No. 7

"Exhibit No. 7," from *White Book D,* p. 23, is another gross misrepresentation. The "Fama Fraternitatis," page (a), does not relate to "Die FUDOSI," page (b). See text.

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

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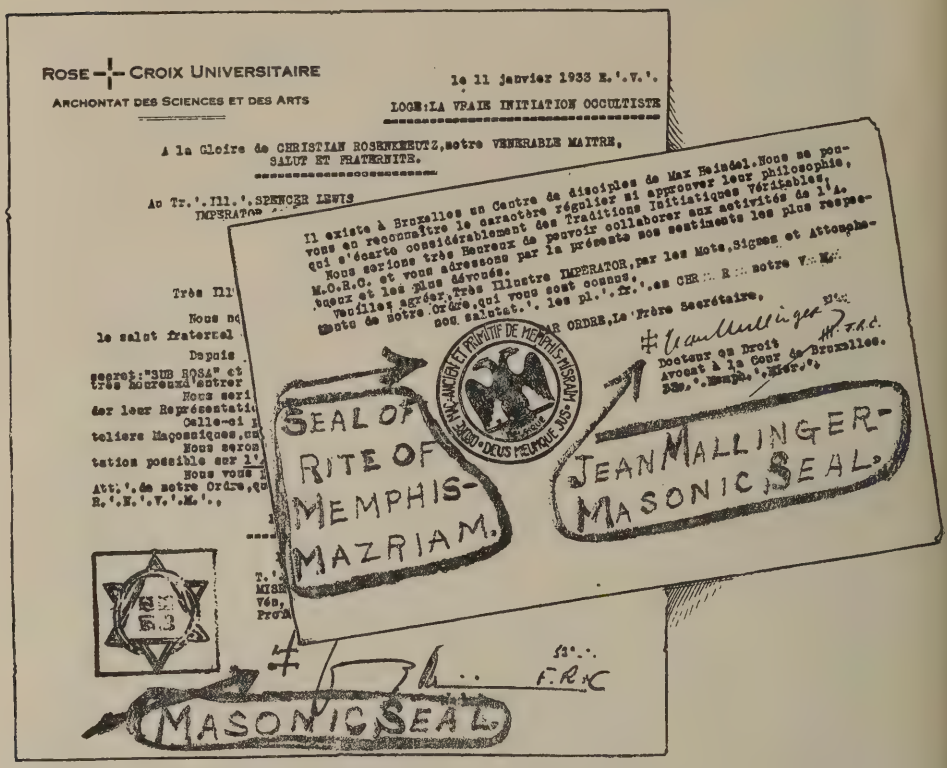
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ARCHONTAT DES SCIENCES ET DES ARTS

le 11 janvier 1933 E.·.V.·.

LOGE: LA VRAIE INITIATION OCCULTISTE

A la Gloire de CHRISTIAN ROSENKREUTZ, notre VENERABLE MAITRE, SALUT ET FRATERNITE.

Au Tr.·.Ill.·.SPENCER LEWIS IMPERATOR

Il existe à Bruxelles un Centre de disciples de Max Heindel. Nous se pouvons en reconnaître le caractère régulier ni approuver leur philosophie, qui s'écarte considérablement des Traditions Initiatiques Véritables.
Nous serions très heureux de pouvoir collaborer aux activités de l'A.M.O.R.C. et vous adressons par la présente nos sentiments les plus respectueux et les plus dévoués.
Veuillez agréer, très Illustre IMPERATOR, par les Mots, Signes et Attouchements de notre Ordre, qui vous sont connus, les pl.·.fr.·.en CHR ∴ R ∴ notre V.·.M.·.
nos salutat.·.

POUR L'ORDRE, Le Frère Secrétaire,

Docteur en Droit
Avocat à la Cour de Bruxelles.
33.·.Memph.·.Mizr.·.

SEAL OF RITE OF MEMPHIS-MAZRIAM.

JEAN MALLINGER-MASONIC SEAL.

MASONIC SEAL.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BELGIUM

Shown Here Are Parts of the Two Letters Recently Received

Reproduced from *The Rosicrucian Digest,* April, 1933, p. 91. The heading to the full page letter shown, when translated, reads: "ROSE ✠ CROIX UNIVERSITY, *Ruler of the Sciences and the Arts,* January 11, 1933 E.·.V.·.Lodge: THE REAL OCCULT INITIATION. To the Glory of the CHRISTIAN ROSENKREUTZ, our VENERABLE MASTER, SALUTATIONS AND FRATERNAL GREETING. TO THE AUGUST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS SPENCER LEWIS, IMPERATOR." This letter is signed with a Masonic seal. The part of the other letter relates to the Max Heindel organization in Belgium. Suggests collaboration with the activities of AMORC and makes "much ado" over its "Very Illustrious Imperator." It is under the seal of a Sovereign Sanctuary of the Freemasonic Rite of Memphis-Mizraim, and is signed by JEAN MALLINGER, 33°, "Doctor by right, Attorney at the Court of Brussels, 33° Memphis-Mizraim," also with a Masonic Seal. This clearly proves Lewis' connection with Clandestine Masonry in Europe. See Part One, this chapter, also text, this part. And note the ridiculous claim that the Rose ✠ Croix University is the *Ruler of the Sciences and Arts.* So, also, is FUDOSI, the *Ruler of the Fraternities of the World!*

THE FUDOSI USED AS A DEVICE OF FRAUD

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 49

"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1"

This is *"Important Rosicrucian Document No. 1."* It is of *first* and foremost importance, because it confers great and mighty honors upon "Dr. Lewis—our Imperator." The translation and the true import of this document has been shown in the preceding text. It is unimportant and has no significance, except as a BADGE OF FRAUD. (See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* August, 1933, p. 377.)

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

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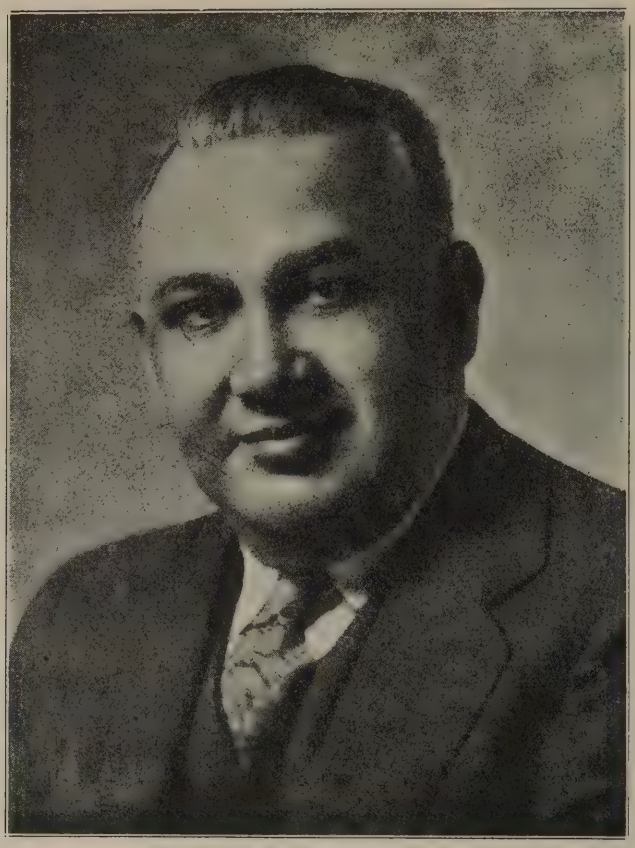

H. SPENCER LEWIS, PH. D., F. R. C.

IMPERATOR, A. M. O. R. C. OF NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA — MEMBER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL R. C. OF THE WORLD — LEGATE OF THE ORDER IN FRANCE — MINISTER OF THE FOREIGN LEGATION — ORDAINED PRIEST OF THE ASHRAMA IN INDIA — HONORARY COUNSULAR OF THE "CORDA FRATRES," ITALY — SRI SOBHITA, GREAT WHITE LODGE, TIBET
REX, UNIVERSITATIS ILLUMINATI
CHANCELLOR, ROSE-CROIX UNIVERSITY

[12]

The likeness of the Imperator of North and South America, "Ph.D." reproduced from the *Rosicrucian Manual, AMORC,* 1934 edition, p. 12, before he grew his mustache and goatee after the fashion of the French. Note that he is the *Reverend Sobhita* of Great White Lodge of Tibet, and *Rex, Universitatis Illuminati* of the Lewistonian Hierarchy of fraternal racke'eering, to promote which, as well as to satisfy his personal vanity, he uses many titles and "great honors." They are *Badges of Fraud.*

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 51

G:W: B:L:

Salutations:

In the name of KAR-GYA-PA the Venerable Founder of the G:W:B:L: in the sacred mountains of Thibet, and in the name of his apostolic successors, as NARPA, MILA-BA-PA, OM-RAH-MAH, KAR-MA-BAKSHI, KAR-MA-PA, et al.

By this Proclamation be it known that, in accordance with immemorial secret and mandatory usage, we, the Venerable Head and Pontiff of the G:W:B:L: whose secret mark and name are revealed within this document, and with the right authority and sole permission, as Initiate, Master and Secret Head for the Occident of the world, do the undersigned as a Messenger of Light and We, as such as is sealed and signed hereto, hereby institute and establish in the Occident of the world for and during the Aquarian Cycle, the Occidental Section of the G:W:B:L: to be and to continue to be an active body with all the privileges as of the Oriental Section to accept and admit members who have been duly tried through the Grades of the prerequisite and approved Orders to confer upon them the rights and powers of the G:W:B:L: and to affiliate them with the Oriental Section of the G:W:B:L:

Done by this document is also proclaimed the appointment of the Beloved and Respected Reverend Sobhita Bhikku, ordained by me August 17, 1930 in California, U.S.A., known to the world as Hard Shanon Lewis D.D., as titled and honoured by the Indian Academy of Sciences, India, to be the successor in apostolic succession to me as Initiate and Secret Chief of the G:W:B:L: after the demise of the undersigned.

Dated October 12th 1930 A.D. 2930 A.B. 3978 M.C. in San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

In presence of: Maid Moore, Witness of C. Moore, Witness

"IMPORTANT ROSICRUCIAN DOCUMENT No. 2"

This is the spurious charter of a non-existent Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, issued by *Sri (Alphabet) E. L. A. M. M. Khan,* a Persian-Hindu Fakir to H. Spencer Lewis, *Sri (Rev.) Sobhita Bhikku,* under which he issues Masonic Charters for Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Freemasonic Rite of Memphis-Mizraim and sponsored the FUDOSI under the auspices of the Great White Brotherhood. It is read and discussed in the preceding text. (Reproduced from *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1933, p. 317.) It is a *fraudulent device* for the promotion and perpetuation of a MASONIC-R. C. SWINDLE.

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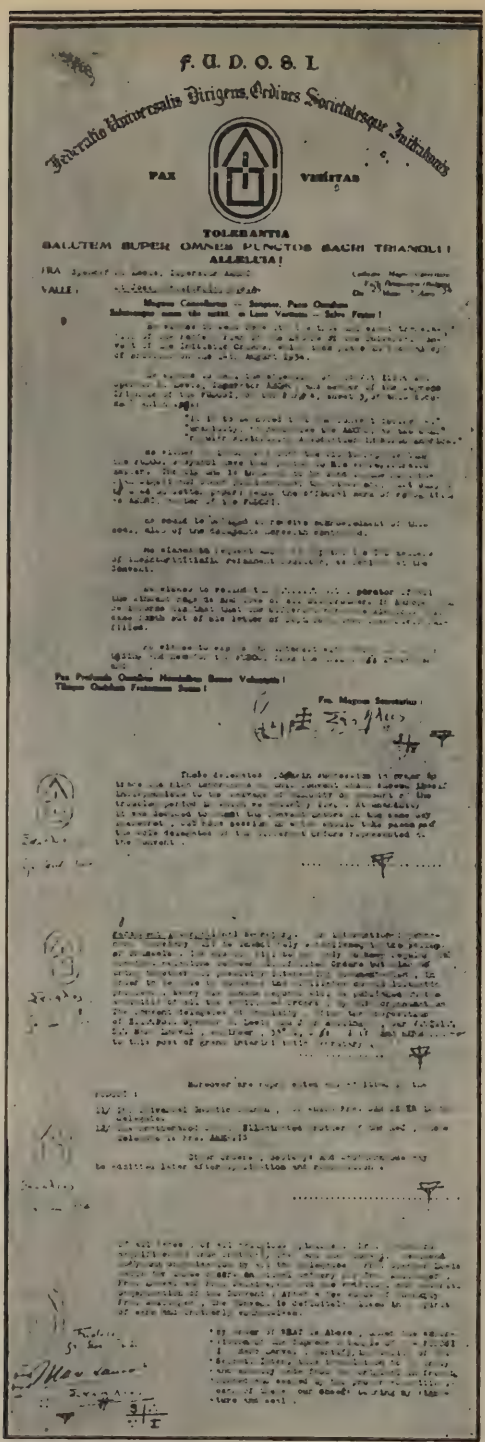

F. U. D. O. S. I.

Federatio Universalis Dirigens Ordines Societatesque Initiationis

PAX

VERITAS

TOLERANTIA

SALUTEM SUPER OMNES PUNCTOS SACRI TRIANGULI!

ALLELUIA!

The documents shown above are the official decrees admitting and acknowledging the affiliation of AMORC with "FUDOSI," Federation Universelle des Ordres et Societes Initiatiques, of Europe. AMORC is the only Rosicrucian movement in North and South America recognized by FUDOSI.

Under and by virtue of this certificate, executed under the auspices of the FUDOSI, under the supervision of the "Supreme Triangle," under the manipulation of the "Imperator for America," by Marc Lanval, alias *Sar Helios*, Engineer, Sexologist and Nudist advocate, certifying under a Masonic Seal, with the "Kiss of Peace" that the AMORC is the only "regular Rosicrucian Order in North America," fraternal racketeering became an institution duly recognized by the American Imperator and his European Masonic confederates. However, a close inspection and study of this unique document reveals it to be a *fraudulent device* for the promotion and perpetuation of Masonic-Rose Cross swindles in America and internationally. See preceding text. Reproduced from *The Secret Heritage* (opposite p. 22), a propaganda booklet issued by Lewis in 1935, as a means of increasing the Royal Revenues of the Hierarchy of Fraternal Fraud.

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leur bible, sont à même de comprendre la signification de nombreuses pratiques, toujours en cours dans la religion, et dont plus personne, pas même les prêtres, ne connaît l'origine?

Ce que chacun doit savoir

Maladies des Vénériennes

The Heading of "LIGHT-LIBERTY, a journal of Naturism—Nudism—Sexology—Social Action." The official organ of the Belgian League of Heliophile Propaganda—the Cult of the Sun-God. Edited by MARC LANVAL, notorious "Sex-engineer" and Nudist advocate, Grand International Secretary of the FUDOSI, discredited Mason, who under a Masonic seal certified to Rosicrucian authenticity and upright regularity of Lewis' Family racket and fraternal enterprises in America. See text and our Reproductions Nos. 52, 53A and 53B.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 53A

AIR & SOLEIL

Reportage

Nous quittons à peine Paris, l'Antique Lutèce, et déjà, noyées dans un magnifique soleil de juillet, nous découvrons les belles campagnes de France.

Entre deux rangées d'arbres, le chemin s'élargit nous glissons sur une de ces superbes routes macadamisées, dont nos voisins du sud ont le secret ; si nous nous laissions tenter par elle, elle nous déposerait bel et bien à Rouen.

Camouflée par les branches d'un buisson capricieux, une pancarte nous renseigne „Air et Soleil": C'est ce chemin-là que nous devons prendre ; étroit, cahouteux, s'élevant imperceptiblement d'abord, plus rudement ensuite, pour aller mourir là-bas, sur cette montagne boisée.... Il est entouré de verdures et de sauvage splantations, de fleurettes et d'arbrisseaux, dans lesquels se jouent les oiseaux et les papillons.

Aux cours des longues soirées lumineuses et tranquilles, passées en rêveries fertiles et poétiques, nous devions en-

La Karezza est-elle perversion sexuelle ?

La Karezza, nom charmant et voluptueux, est une pratique psycho-sexuelle, peu commune dans notre pays, mais qui, sous des influences dont nous parlerons plus loin, commence à se répandre en fait et en idée, parmi nos populations.

Comme le lard rance, la mauvaise foi commerciale et les autos en fer-blanc, la karezza nous arrive d'Amérique. J'ignore le nom de son inventeur, celui-ci ne passera pas à la postérité, et c'est dommage !

Werner Zimmerman, ce réformiste naturiste suisse, qui traversa à pied les Amériques, introduisit cette méthode sentimentale spéciale, dans son pays natal, et en Allemagne où elle remporta un certain succès.

Une dame répondant au nom de Stockhalm écrivit, paraît-il, un livre intitulé „Carezza"; malheureusement je n'ai pu en trouver un exemplaire et je dois m'en tenir à divers commentaires faits ou écrits par des personnalités aux idées diamétralement opposées quant à restreint et certainement a formulé sur cette pratique un jugement, à mon avis, trop superficiel et surtout trop rapide.

D'autre part, dans le tome IV de ses thèmes psychologiques, le Docteur Saint-Paul écrit à propos de la Carezza, les lignes suivantes qui posent le problème sous un jour bien différent et bien fait pour nous intéresser davantage.

„Laissant de côté les cas exceptionnels, nous sommes en droit de dire qu'en amour ce qui est *normal* et *moral*, c'est que l'homme assure à la femme ainsi que la femme à l'homme la jouissance intégrale afin que pour l'un des deux ou pour les deux l'accouplement ne soit pas un acte douloureux, répugnant ou déséquilibrant.

" Nul doute qu'en raison de sa physiologie, c'est l'homme qui devra généralement faire preuve d'une grande patience, témoigner d'une retenue, d'une contention, d'une maîtrise de soi qui éviteront à sa compagne les désillusions énerantes de l'abandon en cours de route, rance afin de le mieux dominer, et pour ne pas raréfier la tourbe de la main-d'œuvre abondante et misérable, de la chair à canon, et des chômeurs.

Aussi, des petits, des humbles, des misérables, ont cru trouver dans la carezza un pis-aller. Irons-nous leur jeter la pierre? Pauvres gens! Pour s'aimer, ils ne connaissent que le malfaisant et dissolvant „retrait" qui pour les nerfs de l'homme tant que pour ceux de la femme est bien plus dangereux. L'excitation érotique est bien plus forte ici et la présence d'esprit requise bien plus grande. La déperdition d'énergie est donc bien plus grave dans le retrait que dans la carezza.

La protection contre la grossesse non-désirée, hélas, est tout aussi aléatoire. Dans le retrait, une seconde d'inattention peut causer une catastrophe, un linge souillé peut venir en contact avec l'orifice vulvaire et permettre au spermatozoaire de prendre la route des trompes, route dont il ne peut revenir

KAREZZA—"Is the Karezza a Sex Perversion?", a signed article by Marc Lanval published in LIGHT-LIBERTY, his journal of Nudism and Sexology. Although it is a sex perversion of the worst type—most dangerous—for the advocating of which an American doctor was convicted—yet, the very illustrious International Secretary of the FUDOSI heartily approves the practice of *Karezza* and advocates its use along with other pernicious and dangerous sex practices. This is reproduced from page 1 of *LIGHT-LIBERTY*, issue of October-November, 1933. Common decency prevents the publication of a translation and our further comment.

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du devoir sexuel, un sérieux, un raffinement, une poésie dont il manque très souvent.

Pour cela, la carezza combattra le mariage de raison d'une part, la prostitution d'autre part. Elle exige de ceux qui la pratique une propreté morale, une chasteté véritable de sentiments qui permettront au magnétisme personnel, au rayonnement psychique de baigner le partenaire, donnant ainsi un échange générateur d'équilibre qui n'est pas à dédaigner.

J'ose presque dire que sous la carezza appliqué comme je l'expose et je la comprend, il ne saurait y avoir d'amants heureux et parfaits, compréhensifs et indulgents.

La carezza bien conduite ne peut que générer du Bonheur!

Marc LANVAL.

La Vie de la Ligue

La Tribune "L'Homme Nouveau"

La Tribune Libre d'Anvers réunissait lors de sa soirée du 25 octobre, l'élite du monde ,,pensant'' anversois, lui réservant un débat contradictoire sur cette question si actuelle: *Le Juif devant l'Opinion.*

Une fois de plus, les deux classiques antagonistes de l'histoire, l'Indo-Européen et le Sémite, devaient s'affronter. Débat houleux, s'il en fut, et malgré que l'on ait beancoup parlé, de ,,solutionner'' le problème, on ne ,,solutionna'' rien du tout, et pour cause.

Maître Van de Vorst débuta par une thèse catholique, et par ces mots: ,,nous Aryens, envisageons....'' Mot malheureux, en effet, nous savons que l'hypothèse d'une Race Aryenne pure, de sang et de civilisation est un mythe. La race blanche de l'Asie, les Aryens migrateurs, veloppement du ,,moi'' intime. ,,Nous avons une âme et un cœur'', dit-il, ,,malgré qu'on nous reproche d'être unis contre le reste du monde, nous sentons durement la solitude.''

Monsieur Henri Zweyer, troisième orateur, s'en tire à son honneur: ,,Nous ne demandons pas mieux que de retourner en Palestine'', dit-il, ,,mais donnez-nous les moyens d'y aller. Nous ne pouvons tous y aller en bloc, aidez-nous.'' — ,,Vous nous reprochez de ne pas nous assimiler, mais si nous le faisions, vous vous empresseriez de nous dire: ces Juifs ils s'imposent partout!....'' L'orateur réclame pour lui et ses coréligionnaires le droit de rester Juif, malgré l'adoption de la nationalité belge. L'un n'empêchant pas l'autre.

Mtre Wittemans, au nom de la Libre-dit-il. Qui nous a donc entretenu de la Banque Kuhn-Loeb & Cie en Amérique?.... Pour peu allait-on parler de la récente faiblesse du Président Roosevelt, qui suivit de si près celle du Président Hoover. Et heureusement oublia-t-on les B'naï B'rith, Fils de l'Alliance....

Sans doute, Maître Kubowitski a-t-il trop fait usage de son incontestable érudition, devant une salle qui buvait ses paroles, qui l'écoutait en auditeurs, mais aussi en élèves. On ne peut que féliciter l'un et approuver les autres. Mais aussi peut-on faire le reproche à Maître Van de Vorst de n'avoir pas, suffisamment éclairé sa lanterne, et de n'avoir pu opposer une raison valable aux affirmations de son confrère.

La foule prit part active au débat: ,,un

Reproduced from another page of the same issue of LIGHT-LIBERTY, showing the conclusion of the article on KAREZZA, *the sex perversion,* signed by *MARC LANVAL.* This is "our Very Illustrious Brother Marc Lanval, 33°, etc.," whom Lewis and his Lawyer, Jean Mallinger, made the Secretary of the FUDOSI and who certified for Lewis as requested. However, the certificate made for Lewis is as faulty as his sexology—it is so embellished with *Badges of Fraud* that upon its face it is revealed to be a *Fraudulent Device.*

PART FIVE

THE O. T. O.—CROWLEY AND LEWIS

A short time ago we published a Brochure entitled "AN EXPOSE OF THE IMPERATOR OF *AMORC—His Pilfering Charlatanism—His Connection With Aleister Crowley, Notorious Black Magician, and the O. T. O.,*[1] in which we showed by a chain of circumstances and other evidence, the close connection between "Dr." Lewis, the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering, and Aleister Crowley and his Black Magic as taught since 1912 in the O. T. O. For lack of space allowed for that Brochure we did not present all the evidence on the subject, but awaited the reply of Mr. Lewis, with the anticipated assurance that he would "hang himself" when he attempted to explain and to avoid our charges. Our anticipations were correct. He did "hang himself," in his reply which we shall now consider, with the presentation of additional evidence, which shows how perfectly he slipped the noose around his neck. In his *White Book D*, at page 31 under his own specially stated[2] charge and answer *Number Four,* in which he restates our charge, as follows:

> "Clymer also charges with many bombastic statements and vitriolic words that a certain 'sign' in the form of connected crosses, used by Imperator H. Spencer Lewis before his official signature on documents, is an invention of one Crowley, of England, and used by *no one else but Crowley and Imperator Lewis* and, therefore, a 'confession' on the part of Imperator Lewis that he is owned and controlled and the whole AMORC organization owned and controlled by Crowley—a *black magician* of Europe—and that the whole teachings and rituals of AMORC are filled with the Crowley black magic ideas; and that Imperator Lewis is 'selling out' the AMORC to Crowley little by little. He claims that the Rosicrucian affiliated organization known as *'Ordre Temple Orientis'* (O. T. O.), which name appears *on one of the Rosicrucian charters* [*?*] *granted to Im-*

[1] Republished as Book Five in Volume One, pp. 269 to 400, both inclusive.

[2] As to his method of restating and confusing our charges and various charges made by others and his manner of making his own charges and then answering them, see especially Chapter Two, pp. 81 to 125, *supra.*

perator Lewis,[3] [our italics] is an organization owned and controlled, invented and designed by Crowley and is a black magic organization formed by Crowley in 1911; and that other symbols appearing on the said charter were invented by Crowley and owned and controlled by him and constitute further 'confessions' by Imperator Lewis that AMORC is a part of Crowley's black magic organization." ((*White Book D,* p. 31.)

The student and investigator will get a much better and clearer idea of our charges from the Brochure or Book Five in Volume I,[4] than from the foregoing statement.

THE SUBTERFUGE OF HIS REPLY
As Made by His "Voluntary Committee"

"The evidence which this committee has seen and verified shows that in all the AMORC records and advices to AMORC officers in North America it is officially proclaimed that Crowley is in bad repute in Europe and has never been a part of any genuine Rosicrucian organization. He did in 1911 appropriate and adopt for himself without permission certain ancient Rosicrucian signs, symbols and titles, just as did Randolph before Clymer, and just as Clymer has done as Randolph's successor. The committee has seen indisputable evidence in Waite's book, Wittemans' book and the books of other Masonic and Rosicrucian historians of Europe and in America, to the effect that the *Order of the Oriental Temple* was affiliated with the genuine Rosicrucian organization as far back as the Seventeenth Century in Europe, and in 1895 John Yarker, eminent Masonic historian in London, was Supreme Magus of the O. T. O. Theodor Reuss-(Willsson) 'Peregrinus' was the elected successor to Yarker. It has seen records of conventions of the O. T. O. held in Europe in 1906 and 1908.[5] (See Photo Exhibit No. 6.) It has seen a copy of the Constitution of the O. T. O. published in Austria and Germany in 1907, proving that the organization was a large one before 1911.[6]

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[3] This refers to his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," which we have translated and discussed in Part One of this chapter. It is *not* a Rosicrucian charter, only a certificate that has been used by him as a fraudulent device. See pp. 228 to 231 and 281 to 283, *supra.*

[4] Brochure, pp. 65 to 122, inclusive, Volume One, pp. 335 to 391, inclusive.

[5] This refers to the Masonic Congress of Paris, June, 1908, discussed at length in Part Two of this chapter, pp. 303 to 314, *supra.*

[6] In 1912 it only had 500 members. See *Oriflamme,* pp. 13-14, our Reproductions 57G and 57H and the translation thereof near the end of this part.

It has seen evidence to prove that the charter [!] granted to H. Spencer Lewis in the name of the O. T. O. was not granted by Crowley, but by the well-known European mystic, Magus Theodor Reuss-Willsson, of Munich, whose Latin official name is known all over Europe as 'Peregrinus.'

"It has seen much evidence to prove that the ecclesiastical cross emblem which the Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, uses before his name on official documents was *not invented by Mr. Crowley*,[7] but was in use on Masonic and Rosicrucian documents in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, and the committee reproduces herewith photographs of Roumanian Masonic documents and other documents dating as far back as 1882, showing similar or identical marks made before the signatures of officers who were in no wise connected with or known to Crowley.[8] Crowley must have been a mere child in those years. This documentary evidence is presented herewith in this report. The other symbols referred to by Mr. Crowley and the numbers 7-7-7 stated by Clymer to be one of Crowley's symbols have been found of ancient usage in Rosicrucian documents and in no sense belonging to or controlled by Mr. Crowley." (*Id.*, p. 31.)

After a careful consideration of our charges, the reader will at once recognize the various stratagems and subterfuges employed by Lewis to avoid them. However, having failed to produce any real documentary proof to sustain his bombastic denials, he offers the testimony of his deceived and deluded paying members, as follows:

Testimony From the Convention

"Unanimously" Offered

"Furthermore, the members at the Convention testified from the floor of the Convention that, although a majority of them had been in the organization seven or eight years and a large number *over twelve years*, no member *had ever found* in the *teachings*, rituals or work of AMORC the *least* indication of *black magic* formulas, *black*

[7] We did not so charge. For discussion of Lewis' wrongful use of Masonic seals, see Chapter Three, pp. 141-142, *supra*. We shall further consider this subject in this part.

[8] Crowley was a member of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim for Great Britain and Ireland. See our Reproductions Nos. 60, 60A and 60B. However, it is doubtful if he should have used his Masonic seal with his signature of Baphomet.

magic principles or *black magic* ideas,[9] and that the progression of the lectures and lessons and the principles contained in them would *prevent* the introduction of black magic unless all of the thousands of lectures already in use by AMORC were completely controverted, perverted and contradicted. [Our italics.] The fact that Crowley willfully and wrongly used after 1911 some of the early Rosicrucian emblems (and not until 1919 did he use a few of the O. T. O.[1] emblems) does not constitute what Clymer claims is a 'confession' on the part of Imperator Lewis as being associated with Crowley. By such reasoning Crowley must have sponsored all Masonic Lodges formed in England or America since 1911, because such Lodges use some of the symbols which Crowley used in 1911 to 1918 and which he arbitrarily adopted without warrant.

"Therefore, this absurd and deliberately malicious statement was wholly and completely negated by the committee and the members of the convention. It is the most wicked of Clymer's false inventions —a potion of poison concocted by Clymer with full knowledge that it was a lie—a deliberate lie."

Our charges were not *"absurd and deliberately malicious."* They were and are true—*absolutely and wholly true.* Now that we have Lewis' attempted reply and subterfuge in lieu of an honest and straightforward answer, we shall consider each of his claims and all matters directly incidental thereto and show that they are *all* false—that they are only *Badges of Fraud,* clearly indicating that he has deliberately deceived his members and committee; that he has used his recognition by and his membership in the O. T. O. as a *fraudulent device,* and that he *does* teach and inculcate the *Black Magic-Sex* doctrines of Crowley and the O. T. O., as well as other strange and detestable sex ideas—at least for the advanced members of AMORC.

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[9] The members who had been in the organization over 12 years, and who should have completed the tenth and eleventh grade work, evidently are not familiar with the lessons, or otherwise they conveniently forgot about the lessons in the tenth and eleventh grades. See Lesson No. 58, tenth grade, pages 3 and 4, to be presently quoted, and Lesson 10, eleventh grade, page 3, shown in our Reproduction No. 59, near the end of this part.

[1] Mr. Lewis conveniently avoids the fact that Crowley was given a charter by the O. T. O. in June, 1912, with jurisdiction over the English-speaking nations, including the United States, and *also Mr.* Lewis, as we shall presently show.

Other Mutilations of Documents

Another Outstanding Badge of Fraud

In his "Exhibit No. 8," shown on page 24 of *White Book D*,[2] parts of pages 16 and 17 of the synopsis of the Degrees of the O. T. O., as printed with the Constitution of 1917,[3] are shown. This exhibit was made in an attempt to show that the O. T. O. is a Rosicrucian organization and that Crowley did not sign his O. T. O. "Rosicrucian Charter."[4] We shall presently consider whether Crowley signed his "Charter." We shall here and now consider the upper portion of "Exhibit No. 8" and show unto you a crude example of his "expert" mutilation of documents to sustain his occult fraud and fraternal swindle. To fully demonstrate this willful crookedness and "magical" deception of the Imperator of Fraternal Racketeering, we have made a plate—our Exhibit "N"—reproducing the upper part of his "Exhibit No. 8," beneath which we reproduce the same parts of the same pages 16 and 17 of the book of the Constitution of the O. T. O.[5] Let the reader make careful comparison of these parts of pages as *mutilated* and reproduced by Lewis and as they were before they were so mutilated and falsified. Accordingly, it will be noted that on the lower half or the *unmutilated* part the line indicated by the word *"compare"* with the arrow pointing to it reads: "ONLY AFTER A MEMBER HAS PASSED THROUGH ORDINARY FREEMASONRY MAY HE BECOME AN O. T. O. PROPER." Note that there is a *perpendicular* line to the right of the above quotation. On the *mutilated* part of the same pages reproduced by Lewis the line above quoted and printed in capital letters is obliterated. Another is pasted over it so as to make it read: ". . . *hall be the custodian of the archives and the library of the O. T. O.*" This substituted line is also indicated by the word *"compare"* with an arrow pointing to it. Please note that the letters "O. T. O." extended over and beyond the *perpendicular* line on the right, which made it necessary to erase the perpendicular line. If you will look at this closely with a magnifying glass, you

[2] See our Reproduction No. 54.

[3] See our Reproductions Nos. 55, 55B, 55E and 55F.

[4] His "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," our Reproduction No. 40, Part I, pp. 281-283, *supra*.

[5] See our Reproductions Nos. 54, 55E and 55F.

can see the mark of the erasure on the Lewis "Exhibit No. 8," particularly immediately under the "O" of O. T. O. Where did he get this line to paste over the line he desired to obliterate? *From Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution of the O. T. O., as shown on page 9, which reads:*

> "Section 1. The O. H. O. shall be the custodian of the Archives and Library of the O. T. O."

This is the same style of type as used on pages 16 and 17, hence these lines were cut out of page 9 and pasted over the part indicated on pages 16 and 17 of the Lewis "Exhibit No. 8." Part of the first line from Section 1 of Article IX was cut out and pasted on the part of page 16, shown in the Lewis "Exhibit No. 8," which reads: "*. . . hall be the custodian of.*" The second line was cut out and pasted in on page 17, which reads: *"the Archives and Library of the O. T. O."* Tricky? Yes, crooked—deliberate treachery! And done with the willful intent to deceive, but not done with the usual Lewistonian cunningness—it is grossly executed and easily detected—indeed, it is a particular *Badge of Fraud,* which tells of the intricate and numberless devices and almost infinite varieties of despicable chicanery employed by the Imperator of Hierarchial fraternal racketeering to sustain his family racket.

Is the O. T. O. a Rose Cross Order?

This Question Conclusively Settled

Although Lewis has repeatedly claimed that the O. T. O. issued to him a Rosicrucian charter, which we have seen was, in fact, *no charter at all,* Rosicrucian or otherwise; yet, he has used the O. T. O. as a fraudulent device in so many ways that it becomes necessary to inquire into and to establish the exact nature of the O. T. O., before and after Crowley's domination thereof with his Black Magic-Sex doctrines, in order to get a correct understanding of the extent and the various ways in which Lewis has used it as a *fraudulent device* to promote his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

Before the O. T. O. accepted the Crowley sex teachings and became thoroughly Crowleyized in 1912, it was a mystical Masonic Order, based upon the ancient and primitive Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, as we shall presently show from official

documents issued by the O. T. O. Indeed, so far as we have been able to ascertain, the O. T. O. has never claimed to be a Rose Cross Order, or in any way affiliated with the Rosicrucian Fraternity. That is the obvious reason why Lewis deleted the statement, that: "Only after a member has passed through Ordinary Freemasonry may he become an O. T. O. proper"—because it clearly showed the O. T. O. to be a Masonic Order, or affiliated therewith—and not a Rosicrucian organization or affiliated therewith. However, he did not carry his *deleting* process far enough, because it is shown on his "Exhibit No. 8" at the place marked "A"—"B" near the right center margin of our Reproduction No. 54, under "Remark" that *"The totality of the degrees of the O. T. O. constitute an* ACADEMIA OF MASONICA"—that is, an Academy of Masonry.

The O. T. O. an Academy of Masonry

It appears from the Introduction to the Book of the Constitution of the O. T. O., page 5, issued in 1917, that:

> "The O. T. O. (Ordo Templi Orientis) is a body of Initiates in whose hands are concentrated the secret knowledge of all Oriental Orders and *all the existing Masonic Degrees.* Its Chiefs are Initiates of the highest rank and recognized as such by all capable of such recognition in every country in the world. The Order is international and has existing connections in every civilized country of the world. *Every man* or *woman* who becomes a member of the O. T. O. has an *indefeasible right* to the *first three degrees of Masonry."* (Italics are ours.)

It further appears from the "Synopsis of Degrees, Classification of Members by Degrees," etc., as shown on pages 14 and 15 of the Book of the Constitution, 1917, of the O. T. O.,[6] that:

> "The following *Masonic Degrees* of the United Grand Council of Rites, of *Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite* of 33 degrees, of the *Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis* of 95 degrees and of the *Egyptian Rite of Mizraim* of 90 degrees are dispensed and conferred on *Master Masons,* and candidates are made Freemasons by the Directing Members (Frater Superiores) of the O. T. O. by virtue of a *Charter* issued on September 24, 1902, E. V., by *Bro. John Yarker,* 33°, 90°, 96°, IX°, at Manchester, late Sovereign Grand Master

[6] See our Reproductions Nos. 55C and 55D; the quoted matter reads across both pages.

General of the Sovereign Sanctuary for Great Britain and Ireland." [Our italics.]

The Synopsis of Degrees shown on pages 14 to 17, both inclusive,[7] of the Book of the Constitution of 1917, shows clearly and beyond question that the O. T. O. as originally conceived and the classification of members by degrees according to its Constitution of 1906 was based upon the above-mentioned Masonic Rites.

Oriflamme—Jubilee Issue 1912

An Official Organ of the O. T. O.

In September, 1912, on the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the O. T. O., the *Oriflamme* published a special or jubilee edition,[8] in English and German, giving a very complete history of the O. T. O., its origin, nature and objects—also a very clear idea of its teachings. This special edition of the *Oriflamme*, an official organ of the O. T. O., alone completely refutes Lewis' numerous misrepresentations, expressed and implied, with reference to the O. T. O. and his Rosicrucian authority and recognition therefrom and thereby. Moreover, it makes plain the many ways in which he has used the O. T. O. as a device to promote and carry on his fraternal enterprise, and especially emphasizes his specialized device of using Masonry and Masonic organizations as a means of bolstering and promoting his spurious R. C. organization and fraternal fraud. Since this edition of the *Oriflamme* was limited and circulated principally among the membership of the O. T. O. and is now rare and copies are almost unobtainable, we have reproduced, in *fac-simile,* the *entire* magazine, being our Reproductions Numbers 57 to 57W, both inclusive. Space will not permit us to point out in detail how completely this official publication disproves the various false contentions and statements made by Lewis concerning the O. T. O., therefore, the readers, students and investigators, with this publication now available, will find it possible and interesting to make their own comparisons and investigations. However, we shall take the space to point out a few of the major misrepresentations which are thereby completely refuted.

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[7] See our Reproductions Nos. 55C, 55D, 55E and 55F.

[8] A copy of this edition of the *Oriflamme* and other rare documents have been furnished to us from the archives of the Order in France.

Coming back to a further consideration of the evidence which establishes the fact that the O. T. O. was an order based entirely on Masonic Rites, as originally conceived and organized in 1902, before it was Crowley-ized in 1912 and converted into a Black Magic organization under the domination of Crowley and before it began to teach his strange, abhorrent sex doctrines and practices, under the slogan *"Do What Thou Wilt,"* in this edition of the *Oriflamme* is published the photographs of the founder and co-founders of the O. T. O. and also those most prominently associated with it at that time (September, 1912). Beneath the photographs[9] are printed the fraternal connections, association and antecedents, as well as the relative standing of each in the newly formed Masonic Order of the O. T. O. From these it appears that the founder, the co-founders and all those most prominently associated therewith were high Masons of the Order of Memphis-Mizraim, and *exclusively so*—not one is described as being a Rosicrucian or in any way associated with the Order of the Rose Cross. Moreover, when it was organized its founders did not seek Rosicrucian approval or authority, nor a Rose Cross charter—but organized it under a Masonic charter of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, which its founders purchased from John Yarker,[1] of England.

The O. T. O. Is Co-Masonic

On page 16 of the said *Oriflamme*[2] it is declared that:

> *"No one can be an 'Initiate'* of the O. T. O. who has *not first received* the three Johannis [Craft] Degrees of Freemasonry.
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> "The O. T. O. admits men AND *women* and confers upon *both sexes all the degrees of Freemasonry* without any distinction." (Our italics.)

Here is the official public declaration that the O. T. O. is not only Masonic in its nature, that no one can be a member who is not a Master Mason, but also that it is *Co-Masonic* and confers ALL THE

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[9] Note carefully and study closely our Reproductions Nos. 57A, 57B, 57C, 57D, 57S, 57T, 57U and 57V. Beneath each of said reproductions we give a free translation of the descriptive matter appearing thereon in German.

[1] See our Reproduction No. 57N and translation of page 20 of the *Oriflamme*.

[2] See our Reproduction No. 57J.

DEGREES OF MASONRY ON WOMEN AS WELL AS MEN.[3] On the preceding page of the same publication[4] the object and purpose which Dr. Carl Kellner[5] had in mind in founding the O. T. O., in September, 1902, are clearly set forth as follows:

> "The Spiritual Father of the newly organized Oriental Templar Order was the late Sovereign Honorary Grand Master in Germany and Great Britain, Brother.·.Dr. Carl Kellner, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°. During his many and extensive trips in Europe, America and Asia Minor, Brother.·.Kellner came in contact with an organization which bore the name *The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light*. The stimulation which he received through his contact with this organization, in conjunction with other circumstances which shall not be described further here, created the desire in Brother.·.Kellner to found an *'Academia Masonica'* which would enable all brothers so desiring to become acquainted with *all existing Masonic degrees and systems*. In the year 1895 Brother.·.Kellner had long conversations with Brother.·.Reuss in Berlin as to how his idea could be realized. In the course of the conferences with Brother.·.Reuss, Brother.·.Kellner dropped the title, first suggested, of 'Academia Masonica' and submitted reasons and data why the name 'Orientalische Templer' (Oriental Templars) should be adopted. These negotiations did not lead to any positive results at the time[6] (1895), as Brother.·.Reuss was still busy with the Illuminati Order, to which he had given a new stimulus, and as this organization, together with the persons who, except Brother.·.Reuss, were at the head of same, were not approved by Brother.·.Kellner.
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> "When, then, in June, 1902, the final separation occurred between Brother.·.Reuss and his disciple, Leopold E., Brother.·.Kellner immediately communicated with Brother.·.Reuss and caused steps to be taken for the acquisition of a *Charter* admitting the *Memphis and Mizraim Rites of Freemasonry* in Germany, for the reason that Brother.·.Kellner considered these Rites, with their 95 and 90 degrees respectively, as the most suitable ones to realize his idea with regard to the founding of a 'Masonic Academy.'" [Italics are ours.]

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[3] See Parts I and II this chapter, *supra,* also our Reproductions Nos. 44 and 44A.

[4] *Oriflamme,* p. 15, our Reproduction No. 57I.

[5] See our Reproduction of Crowley's statement, Volume One, p. 376, our Reproduction No. 19.

[6] Let it be noted that the O. T. O. was not organized in 1895, that all of the efforts at that time came to naught, and that it was not organized until 1902, and then under a Masonic charter. Also that John Yarker was not the Supreme Magus of it in 1895, as claimed by Lewis at p. 31 of his *White (?) Book D.*

O. T. O. Manifesto of 1904

If there is, or could be, any doubt that the O. T. O. was originally conceived and organized as a Masonic Order with the secret work—exoteric and esoteric, symbolical and mystical—based entirely upon the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, that lingering doubt must be dispelled by the following statement found on page 18 of the same issue,[7] to wit:

> "And Brothers.·.Dr. Carl Kellner and Theodor Reuss, in the manifesto published in the historical issue of the *Oriflamme* A.D. 1904, and signed by them jointly, wrote:
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> " 'One of the secrets which our Order possesses to its highest degree consists in the fact that it supplies the properly prepared brother with the PRACTICAL means to erect the true *Temple of Solomon* in Man and to find again the "lost word": namely, that our Order supplies to the initiated and chosen brother the practical means to obtain proof of his immortality even during his earthly existence.
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> " 'But these practical means are no witches' incantations or other "spiritualistic practices," but concern themselves only with the inner voice and the inner senses of the applicant and rigidly exclude and condemn all spiritualistic practices.
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> " 'This secret is one of the true secrets of .·.*Masonry* and exclusively the secret of the Occult High Degree of our Order. It has come down to our Order *by word of mouth* from the fathers of all true *Freemasonry*, the "Wise Men of the East," and we also shall transmit it only by word of mouth.' " [Italics are ours.]

This official declaration, or early manifesto, signed jointly by Dr. Carl Kellner, the *Founder* and "Spiritual Father," and Theodor Reuss, the first *Secret Chief* or Outer Head of the O. T. O., when taken in connection with the official statements made in the Book of the Constitution and the *Oriflamme* hereinbefore set forth, proves conclusively that the O. T. O., as originally conceived and organized, was a Masonic Order exclusively. This is true notwithstanding the references in said statements to the Rose Croix and Esoteric Rosicrucians, which we shall presently consider and present in their true light and meaning.

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[7] The *Oriflamme*, p. 18, our Reproduction No. 57L.

John Yarker, Eminent Masonic Historian

"Supreme Magus of the O. T. O. in 1895," Says Lewis

In this connection the reader will remember that the Imperator of the Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering declared and represented through his convenient mouthpiece, his voluntary fact-finding committee, that:

> "The committee has seen indisputable evidence in Waite's book, Wittemans' book and the books of other Masonic and Rosicrucian historians of Europe and in America, to the effect that the *Order of the Oriental Temple* was affiliated with the genuine Rosicrucian organization as far back as the Seventeenth Century in Europe, and in 1895 John Yarker, eminent Masonic historian in London, was Supreme Magus of the O. T. O. Theodor Reuss-(Willsson) 'Peregrinus' was the elected successor to Yarker. It has seen records of a convention of the O. T. O. held in Europe in 1906 and 1908.[8] (See Photo Exhibit No. 6),[9] and it has seen a copy of the Constitution of the O. T. O. published in Austria and Germany in 1907, proving that the organization was a large one before 1911. It has seen evidence to prove that the charter (?) granted to H. Spencer Lewis in the name of the O. T. O. was not granted by Crowley, but by the well-known European mystic, Magus Theodor Reuss-Willsson, of Munich, whose Latin official name is known all over Europe as 'Peregrinus.' "

A more flagrant misrepresentation can scarcely be imagined. Every statement is absolutely false. The fact that he did not take the personal responsibility for the statement but ostensibly made it in the names of others and hid behind "the committee" makes it a most noticeable *Badge of Fraud.*

To be sure the O. T. O. was *not* "affiliated with the genuine Rosicrucian Order" or any other order in the Seventeenth Century in Europe—since the Order of the Oriental Templars was not organized in Europe until 1902. And, of course, John Yarker was *not* Supreme Magus of the O. T. O. in 1895, *nor at any time.* The only connection John Yarker had with the O. T. O. was to sell its founders a Masonic Charter of the Order Memphis-Mizraim,[1] to become

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[8] Refers to material shown in our Reproductions Nos. 44, 44A, 45 to 45E. See Part Two, *supra.*

[9] "Photo Exhibit No. 6" is shown in our Reproduction No. 43.

[1] On page 20 of the *Oriflamme,* our Reproduction No. 57N, the following statement

an honorary member thereof, and request the O. T. O. to recognize the Co-Masonic organization established by Mrs. Annie Besant,[2] which Lewis so vehemently condemned, as we have seen in Part Two, pp. 300 to 302, inclusive, *supra*. Indeed, and most assuredly, the committee saw no evidence to prove that a charter[3] was granted to H. Spencer Lewis in the name of the O. T. O.—because, as we have seen, *no charter was granted* to him. His much-exhibited and over-stressed "charter" is only an honorary membership certificate. We shall presently discuss Crowley's connection with the O. T. O. and his relation to the aforesaid certificate.

Dr. Franz Hartmann

The Theosophist and Mason

In our *Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC* and his Pilfering Charlatanism, republished as Book Five of Volume I of this work, we exposed his use of the published works of Dr. Hartmann[4] as higher secret Rosicrucian teachings. In his reply[5] he admitted that the material of Hartmann so used was not "fundamental Rosicrucian teachings."[6] However, to confuse the issue and to provide a means of escape for himself from an untenable position, he in-

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appears: "It was a direct result of this practical side of the activity of our Order that English Freemason Brothers approached the Master of our Order with the request to found a National Grand Lodge of our Order in Great Britain, for particularly England, with its extreme 'mother negating woman's movement' (Suffragettes), is most in need of such training for motherhood. Thus it came about that in the year 1902 we who had obtained a Charter *by purchase* in England, in the year 1902, so that we would be able to use the degrees of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany, granted our English brothers a charter without charge in the year 1912, in order to introduce the occult degrees of the Oriental Templar Order in England."

[2] On pages 23 and 24 of the *Oriflamme,* our Reproductions Nos. 57Q and 57R, it is said: "According to the desire and request of the Ill.·.Brother.·.John Yarker, 33°, 90°, 97° Sovereign General Grandmaster, *ad vitam,* of the Old Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Great Britain and Ireland, the Master of our Order has made the business manager of the Co-Masonry Lodges, established by Mrs. Annie Besant, 33°, 90°, 96° in England, namely to Brother.·.J. J. Wedgwood, of London, an honorary Master Freemason, and attached him to the Lodge of the 'Holy Grail' in Munich, as an honorary member."

[3] This refers to his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4." See our Reproduction No. 40, also Part One of this chapter, pp. 228 to 231, *supra.*

[4] See Volume One, pp. 286 to 307.

[5] *White Book* D, pp. 32-33.

[6] See Chapter Two, pp. 89 to 92, *supra.*

sisted on arguing, notwithstanding his said admissions, that Dr. Hartmann was a Rosicrucian, and produced his "Exhibit No. 10" to "prove" his assertion.[7] In reply to his self-stated and confused charge *Number Seven,* we discussed this subject,[8] in Chapter Two, and advised that we would reproduce his said "Exhibit No. 10" and give further consideration thereto in connection with the subject matter of this part of this chapter.

Although the Rosicrucian membership of Dr. Hartmann has little or no bearing on the main issue of Lewis' family racket being a fraudulent Rose Cross Order, we will, however, dispose of this false claim to further demonstrate that even the immaterial and irrelevant claims which he makes in support of his house of cards and fraternal racketeering are mere subterfuges.

After having his "committee" find certain "facts" which are not facts at all, but wholly untrue, he concludes in the name of the committee, as follows:

> "That Hartmann was for a time a Theosophist and that at times he veiled his Rosicrucian connections, as many hundreds and thousands have done in the past and are doing in the present, does not constitute proof that he was not a recognized and active Frater of the Rosicrucians. Mr. Clymer either willfully falsified when he said that Franz Hartmann was never a member of the Rosicrucians or he knows nothing about Rosicrucian history—which is unique in one who claims to be 'Grand Master of the World.' "[9]

An Occultist and Scholar

But Not a Rosicrucian

Dr. Franz Hartmann was a man of irreproachable character, a scholar and an able writer on occult and mystic subjects. He wrote under a Rosicrucian title,[1] published a volume of their secret symbols,[2] and a well-considered book on the Life and Teachings of Paracelsus, the spiritual father of the Rosicrucians. Because of this and by reason of the fact that very little reliable information has

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[7] For his "Exhibit No. 10" see our Reproduction No. 56.

[8] See Chapter Two, pp. 105 to 107, *supra.*

[9] *White Book D,* p. 33.

[1] *Among the Rosicrucians.*

[2] *The Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians.*

ever been available as to who were or are Rosicrucians, many research writers have fallen into the error of classifying many real occultists and mystics as Rosicrucians who were never members of or in any way connected with the order.

Therefore, it is possible to find well-considered research writers of high standing erroneously classifying Dr. Hartmann as a Rosicrucian, notwithstanding that he was not a member of the August Fraternity. However, we are in a position to show his fraternal affiliations as stated and published shortly after his death by men with whom he was most closely and fraternally associated.

We have heretofore shown that he was a distinguished member of the Theosophical Society. This is conceded to be true by Mr. Lewis. His further and complete fraternal affiliations are given by the high officials of the O. T. O. in the Jubilee issue of the *Oriflamme,* 1912. On page 5 of said issue appears a picture of Dr. Hartmann,[3] under which, with the sole exception of his affiliation with the Theosophical Society, his fraternal affiliations are stated as follows:

> "Brother.·.Dr. Franz Hartmann, 33°, 90°, 95°, IX°, admitted to the Masonic Order in the Washington Lodge, No. 12, in Georgetown, U. S. A., died August 7, 1912, in Kempten, former General Grand Administrator of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany. Honorary Grand Master of the (33°) Grand Orient of Germany, Co-Founder of our Order, O. T. O."

The Complete Record

Thus is presented the complete record of his fraternal affiliations and associations. He was a Theosophist, a Mason and a Co-Founder of the Order of Oriental Templars. He was a lovable character and a true occultist. He died at about the time the O. T. O. appointed Aleister Crowley Grand Master[4] of the English section and accepted his sex teachings and became a Black Magic Order of Crowley, as we shall presently see. Dr. Hartmann condemned Black Magic in no uncertain terms in his well-considered work on *Magic, White and Black.* Dr. Hartmann was not a Rosi-

[3] See our Reproduction No. 57B.

[4] See our Reproduction No. 57H.

crucian; it is a matter of regret that he was not. Had he been, we would acknowledge the fact with pride and satisfaction. We make denial of it because Lewis is attempting to misrepresent the true facts to aid the promotion of his fraudulent R. C. Order and Mystic Swindle.

The Lewis "Exhibit No. 10"

As further evidence of his assertion that Dr. Hartmann was a Rosicrucian, he has his committee refer to his "Exhibit No. 10,"[5] which is a mutilated and deleted page alleged to be from a magazine, *"Der Rafentreuzer,"* said to have been published in 1921 by Theodor Reuss, then the supreme head of the O. T. O., of which he says:

> "The above photos give proof that an R. C. magazine *was* published in Germany and Austria in recent years, and its owner and publisher was 'T. Reuss-Willsson' (Peregrinus), the *Supreme* Magus. It proves Dr. Franz Hartmann was a 'Frater' of the R. C. It also proves that AMORC of North America was duly recognized by the foreign branches."

It shows upon its face that it is an O. T. O. publication because it is published under the mystic sign of the O. T. O., which is: I N R I, under which sign or symbol Theodor Reuss published all official matters concerning the O. T. O.[6] In accordance with Article XV of its Constitution, it is, therefore, an O. T. O. publication and not an R. C. magazine, as is claimed by Lewis.

Since Dr. Hartmann was a co-founder of the O. T. O. it is not strange that his name appears in O. T. O. literature along with Dr. Carl Kellner and Theodor Reuss, other co-founders. Certainly—most certainly—it is no evidence of the fact and it does not prove that he was a Rosicrucian.

It is noted that the "R ✠ C" appears on the cover of the magazine and the word "Rosenkreuzer," the German word for Rosicrucian, is used. As we shall presently see, the letters "R. C." and the words Rose Cross, as used in all O. T. O. literature, do not

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[5] See *White Book D,* p. 26, which we have reproduced herein in our Reproduction No. 56, for convenience of reference.

[6] See Article XV of the Constitution of the O. T. O., p. 12, shown in our Reproduction No. 55A. This will be presently considered at length.

refer to the Rose Cross Order, or the Rosicrucian fraternity, but to the Rose Croix Masonic degrees of the O. T. O. and that the term "Rosicrucian" is only used in its general or generic sense, and was never intended to be nor was it used by the O. T. O. as being descriptive of the R. C. Order or Rosicrucian Fraternity. All this was made very clear—unmistakably clear—by Dr. Hartmann,[7] when he said:

> ". . . The name 'Rosicrucian Order' or the 'Order of the Golden and Rosy Cross' . . . is a comparatively modern invention and was first used by *Johann Valentin Andreae*, who invented the story of the knight, Christian Rosencreuz . . . when he wrote his celebrated *Fama Fraternitatis*. Before his pamphlet appeared the name Rosicrucian did not mean a person belonging to some certain organized society by that name, but it was a *generic* name applied to all occultists, adepts, alchemists or, in fact, to anybody who was or pretended to be in possession of some occult knowledge and who was, therefore, supposed to be acquainted with the secret signification of the *Rose* and the *Cross* symbols. . . ." ([Our italics.]

It should, therefore, be clear to all that the use of the letters and symbols "R ✠ C" and the general term, "Rosicrucians," in this particular magazine and in all O. T. O. literature has no reference whatever to the Rosicrucian Order or Fraternity.

AMORC "Duly Recognized"

Lewis asserts that the lower half of the mutilated page of the O. T. O. publication shown in his "Exhibit No. 10" "also proves that AMORC of North America was duly recognized by foreign branches"—of what branches and by whom he does not say—and he asks to "note the listing of the American branch of AMORC."

Suppose we take a look at this "evidence," which is just about as good and is as reliable as any he has offered. The particular matter to which he points is an announcement made by himself to the effect that the Executive Committee of the AMORC in San Francisco has decided to summon its members to do something. What it was cannot be ascertained because of his mutilation to hide

[7] *Among the Rosicrucians,* Second Edition, pp. 39-40; also see Brochure, *Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 24-25, or Volume One, pp. 293-249. This statement of Dr. Hartmann was omitted from Lewis' lessons copied from said book. Rather significant, is it not?

or blot out the truth—for the truth of the matter is that it does not prove recognition of Lewis' family enterprise and his spurious, fraudulent R. C. Order by anyone for any purpose, and it confers upon him no right to operate a fraternal swindle. It is simply an announcement, paid for by Lewis or voluntarily inserted as a news item, by the editor of the O. T. O. magazine. Marvellous evidence of due recognition! It is another *Badge of Fraud* which tends to prove, as all of his evidence does prove, that his statements are false, that his R. C. Order is spurious and fraudulent.

However, this "evidence," like all evidence which he has offered to prove the Rosicrucian authority and regularity of his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal racket, when carefully examined and stripped of its veneer of trickery, camouflage and plausibility, fails completely to sustain his claims, but on the contrary shows unmistakably another of the innumerable fraudulent devices employed by him to promote and support his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

Is the O. T. O. a Rosicrucian Order?

None But Lewis, and He, Alone, Says It Is

The O. T. O., in its literature, has never held itself to be a Rosicrucian Order, or as having any connection with the August Fraternity. On the contrary, it has clearly negated any such idea, as we shall presently see. We have recently carefully searched and reviewed all of Aleister Crowley's publications, and find that he makes no claim to Rosicrucian authority, nor does he assert any connection whatever between the O. T. O. and the Rosicrucian Fraternity.[8] Therefore, it appears that Lewis is alone—all alone—in his claim that the O. T. O. is a Rosicrucian Order, and that his

[8] In his first Manifesto in September, 1913, as National Grand Master General, *ad vitam* of the O. T. O. of all English-speaking countries, Mr. Crowley claims as one of his titles, the title of "Most Wise Sovereign of the Order of the Rosy Cross" (see our Reproduction No. 19A, Volume One, p. 378). However, this should not be construed as a claim on his part that the O. T. O. is connected with the Order of the Rosy Cross. He was at one time a member of the Golden Dawn (see Volume One, page 348) and he is a member and high officer of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis-Mizraim for Great Britain and Ireland (see our Reproductions Nos. 60, 60A and 60B) which has a Rose Croix order or degree, therefore, it is from one or the other of these sources which he claims such a title and not from or through the O. T. O. unless it be in the general or generic sense as explained by Dr. Hartmann, hereinbefore set forth.

claim is not supported by Crowley, the Secret Chief of the new O. T. O., or by Dr. Hartmann, a co-founder of the original O. T. O., as founded by occultists of high repute, before it accepted the Black Magic-Sex teachings of Master Thirion[9] (Crowley) in 1912.

Although the terms Rose Croix Chapter, Knights of the Rose Croix (Ritter Rose Croix), Chevallerie Rose Croix and Esoteric Rosicrucians[1] are used in the official documents of the O. T. O. and in the classification of its degrees and members, yet an examination of these clearly reveals that those terms are used in their Masonic[2] application and not in their strict Rosicrucian meaning or in any true Rosicrucian significance. The meaning of the term "Esoteric Rosicrucians" is defined in Section I of Article XV of the Constitution of the O. T. O., which provides: *"There shall be a Literary and Masonic Association connected with the O. T. O. to be known as The Esoteric Rosicrucians."*[3] Therefore, the Esoteric Rosicrucians are not Rosicrucians in any true or proper sense of the word, but it is the name given to a *Literary and Masonic Association* formed within the O. T. O.

The classification of the degrees and members of the O. T. O. shown on pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 of the Book of the Constitution[4] make it entirely clear and leave no doubt that the term "Rose Croix" is used *only* in its Masonic meaning and application.

Further light is thrown upon the meaning of the "Esoteric Rosicrucian" teachings as used in the O. T. O. in the *Oriflamme.* On the bottom of page 15 and the top of page 16 (our Reproductions Nos. 57H and 57J) it is stated that:

> "The Rosicrucian esoteric teachings of the 'Hermetic Brotherhood of Light' were reserved for the few initiates into the Occult of the Internal Circle. The various steps of this Internal Circle of Initiated *runs parallel* to the highest degrees of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites, and these 'Initiates' constitute the secret branch of the Oriental Templar Order." [Our italics.]

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[9] See our Reproductions Nos. 55G, 57H and 57V.

[1] See our Reproductions Nos. 55C, 55D, 55E and 55F.

[2] The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light. See our Reproductions D, p. 127, Volume I of this work, being affiliated Order 9. Also our Reproduction 57J.

[3] See our Reproduction No. 55A. Note the part indicated by "A."

[4] Our Reproductions Nos. 55C, 55D, 55E and 55F.

From this it appears that the term "Rosicrucian Esoteric teachings" is not intended to mean the teachings of the Rose Cross Order or the Rosicrucian Fraternity, but is intended to relate only to the secret teachings of the *Hermetic Brotherhood of Light,* which run parallel to the high degrees of the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim and explanatory thereof.

Mystic Masonry of the O. T. O.

Of What It Consists

An "Esoteric Rosicrucian" of the O. T. O. is one who practices the Mystic Masonry as taught by the *Ordo Templi Orientis,* according to classifications set forth on page 16 of the Book of the Constitution,[5] as follows:

> *"Mystic Masonry.*
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> "VII° Mystic Templar (violet) (A) Theoreticus corresponds in O. T. O. to the *'Entered Apprentice'* in *Craft Masonry.* (B) Magus of Light corresponds in the O. T. O. to *'Companion'* in *Craft Masonry.* (C) Grand Master of Light and Grand Master of all Masonic Lodges corresponds in O. T. O. to the *'Master Mason'* in *Craft Masonry."* [Our italics.]
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> "VIII° Oriental Templar (white) (A) Practicus has to practice that which was taught in Degree VII. (B) Adeptus signifies the 'Practicus' who has become technically perfect in practice. (C) Princeps signifies the 'Adeptus' who has achieved technical results. (D) Illuminatus signifies the 'Princeps' who mystically correctly interpreted the achieved technical results."

To make assurances doubly certain that the O. T. O., as it was originally conceived and organized in 1902 and as it became when it was Crowley-ized after 1912, never claimed at any time, under the leadership of either Theodor Reuss or Aleister Crowley, that the O. T. O. was in any way associated with the Rosicrucian Fraternity or that the Order of the Rosy Cross was in any way or to any degree affiliated with the O. T. O., we quote from an official Manifesto of the O. T. O., issued by Crowley to all English-speaking nations, published in *The Equinox,* one of the official organs[6] of the O. T. O., which gives a complete list of the fourteen bodies,

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[5] Shown in our Reproduction No. 55E.

[6] See our Reproductions Nos. 55A (as indicated by letter "B") and 57R.

orders or fraternities composing or affiliated with the O. T. O., as follows:

"LIBER L I I

"MANIFESTO OF THE O. T. O.

"PEACE, TOLERANCE, TRUTH; SALUTATION ON ALL POINTS OF THE TRIANGLE; RESPECT TO THE ORDER. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN; GREETING AND HEALTH [7]

"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole Law.

"The O. T. O. is a body of initiates in whose hands are concentrated the wisdom and knowledge of the following bodies:

"1. The Gnostic Catholic Church.
"2. The Order of the Knights of the Holy Ghost.
"3. The Order of the Illuminati.[8]
"4. The Order of the Temple (Knights Templar).
"5. The Order of the Knights of St. John.
"6. The Order of the Knights of Malta.
"7. The Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.
"8. The Hidden Church of the Holy Grail.
"9. The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light.
"10. The Order of the Rose Croix of Hiredom.
"11. The Order of the Holy Royal Arch of Enoch.
"12. The Ancient and Primitive Rite of Masonry (33 degrees).
"13. The Rite of Memphis (97 degrees).
"14. The Rite of Mizraim (90 degrees)."[9]
"15. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry (33 degrees).

On page 198 of *The Equinox* (not shown in our Reproduction D, but a continuation thereof) the following additional orders are listed, viz.:

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[7] This is a typical salutation used in the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim. It is to be found on many of Lewis' "Important" documents. He says Crowley never uses it. See note 3, page 31, *White Book D.*

[8] This was the order in which Theodor Reuss was interested and conducting in 1895 when Dr. Carl Kellner first approached him on the organization of the O. T. O., which delayed the organization of the O. T. O. until 1902. (See our Reproduction No. 57I of page 15 of the *Oriflamme.*) After Dr. Kellner's death, this order was made a part of the O. T. O.

[9] The Manifesto referred to is partially shown in our fac-simile Reproductions A, B, C, CC and D. (D is copied above) on pages 123 to 127 of Volume One hereof. These were published by Crowley in Volume Three, No. 1, of *The Equinox,* at Detroit, Michigan, in March, 1919.

"16. The Swedenborgian Rite of Masonry.
"17. The Order of the Martinist.
"18. The Order of the Sat Bhai."

The A.·.A.·. which Crowley founded, it is stated, is not included in the O. T. O., but that "august body is closely allied."

The Rosicrucian Fraternity and the Order of the Rosy Cross is conspicuous by its absence from the foregoing list of orders and organizations claimed to be affiliated or associated with the O. T. O.

Therefore, from the foregoing, it clearly appears, beyond peradventure of doubt, that the O. T. O. is not a Rosicrucian organization, or affiliated therewith; that it lays *no claims* to Rosicrucian authority or R. C. secret teachings; that it grants no Rosicrucian charters, and that it is not in a position to grant Rosicrucian recognition to the Lewis family racket, as claimed by him under his O. T. O. charter (?)—that "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4"—certain it is that it is *not a charter*—and, most of all, it is not an important *Rosicrucian document.* At the most it is only useful as a *Fraudulent Device!*

Is Crowley a Chief of the O. T. O.?

Lewis Says No—Let Us See

In reply to our accusation that he had *confessed* his connection and association with Aleister Crowley, founder of the new O. T. O., or the Crowley-ized O. T. O., Lewis had his committee find and declare, on his behalf, that:

> "The fact that Crowley willfully and wrongly used after 1911 some of the early Rosicrucian emblems (AND NOT UNTIL 1919 DI HE USE A FEW OF THE O. T. O. EMBLEMS) does not constitute what Clymer claims is a 'confession' on the part of the Imperator as being associated with Crowley. By such reasoning Crowley must have sponsored all Masonic Lodges formed in England or America since 1911, because such Lodges use some of the symbols which Crowley used in 1911 to 1918 and which he arbitrarily adopted without warrant. Therefore, this *absurd* and *deliberately malicious* statement was *wholly* and *completely negated* by the *committee and the members of the convention.* It is the most wicked of Clymer's

false inventions—a potion of poison concocted by Clymer with full knowledge that it was a lie—a deliberate lie." (Italics are ours.[1])

Our statement of Lewis' association and affiliation with Crowley and the O. T. O., now thoroughly Crowley-ized, was and is based upon *his own* statements and a large amount of other evidence, facts and circumstances.[2] It was and is *not* absurd, malicious or false. It is *not* a "potion of poison concocted" by us—it is *not* a "most wicked, false invention." It is true—*absolutely true.* If Mr. Lewis desires to disassociate himself from Aleister Crowley it will be necessary for him to do more than denounce Clymer and make "grand-stand" plays, as above. It will be necessary for him to denounce the O. T. O. and abandon all his many claims and titles thereunder, because Mr. Crowley and his Black Magic-Sex doctrines are now and have been an integral part of the O. T. O. since June 1, 1912.

Crowley National Grand Master of the O. T. O. for All English-Speaking Countries

In the Special Tenth Anniversary issue of the *Oriflamme,* on page 14, continuing on page 15, it was announced in September, 1912, that on June 1st of that year the O. T. O. had granted a charter to Mr. Crowley covering all English-speaking territory—which included the United States of America—as follows:

"The extension of the influence of our Order to the Slav countries of Europe is, however, of special importance.

"By charter of June 1, 1912, there was founded by our Order a National Grossloge des Orientalischen Templer-Ordens fur die Slavishen Lander (National Grand Lodge of the Oriental Templar Order for the Slavonic Countries) and the foundation *on the same date* of a NATIONAL GROSSLOGE des Orientalischen Templer-Ordens fur Grossbritannien und Irland (National Grand Lodge of the Oriental Templar Order for Great Britain and Ireland) by our Order, which does not lack a certain piquancy (*spicy taste that whets inter-*

[1] *White Book D,* p. 32.

[2] See Brochure, Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC, or Book Five, Volume One, pp. 335 to 391, also our Reproductions Nos. 18 to 32, both inclusive, in Volume One.

est) for all those familiar with the situation.

> "Especially this recent establishment of our Order and the resultant extension of the influence of the special principles of the Order of the O. T. O. to *English-speaking territory* make it appear advisable to describe in further detail the development of our Order since its first public appearance in Germany." (Italics are ours.[3])

The "certain piquancy" or "spicy taste" of so much interest, as we shall later reveal, was the adoption of Crowley's Sex Magic by the O. T. O. and its Supreme Magus and Outer Head, Theodor Reuss—it was the Crowley-izing of the O. T. O.

On page 31 of the same issue is shown the photograph of the *Baphomet,* the head of the O. T. O. in all English-speaking lands from 1912 to 1924, when he became the Secret Chief of the O. T. O. Beneath the picture is printed a description in German, which is freely translated as follows:

> "Brother.·.Aleister Crowley, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°, National Grand Master for Great Britain and Ireland of the 'Mysteria Mystica Maxima of the Order of Oriental Templars,' O. T. O."[4]

M.·.M.·.M.·.
Mysteria Mystica Maxima

In an open letter of *Baphomet* to those who wish to join the order, it is stated that:

> "The M.·.M.·.M.·. (*Mysteria Mystica Maxima*) is the name of the British Section of the O. T. O. This includes all countries where English is generally spoken."[5]

Not only is this recognized by the O. T. O., as shown by the publication of Crowley's picture and the foregoing statement beneath it, but his organ, *The Equinox,* was made an official organ of the O. T. O.,[6] and his Black Magic-Sex doctrine, *"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law,"* was recognized and adopted by the O. T. O. and Theodor Reuss[7]—*Peregrinus*—who signed the

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[3] See our Reproductions Nos. 57H and 57I of pages 14 and 15 of the *Oriflamme.*

[4] See our Reproduction No. 57V.

[5] Shown in our Reproduction No. 58. See also Reproduction No. 58A.

[6] See Article XV of the Constitution of the O. T. O., our Reproduction No. 55A, part marked "B," also p. 24 of the *Oriflamme,* our Reproduction No. 57R.

[7] See our Reproduction No. 55G.

O. T. O. "charter" (?), granted to Imperator Lewis that "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4."

In this connection it will be interesting to the reader and investigator to refer to Crowley's first Manifesto issued for the *Mysteria Mystica Maxima,* or the English-speaking section of the O. T. O., in *The Equinox,* Volume I, No. 8, September, 1912. Part of this Manifesto is shown in our *fac-simile* Reproduction No. 18, on page 376 of Volume I, or on page 105 of our Brochure: *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC.* Also another Manifesto shown in our Reproductions A, B, C, CC and D, Volume I, pages 123 to 127, both inclusive, and Reproductions Nos. 19 and 19A, Volume I, pages 377 and 378, which said Manifesto was published by Crowley in *The Equinox*, Volume III, No. 1, March, 1919, in Detroit, Michigan, while he was actively in charge of the O. T. O. in the United States.

It will be noted that in his Manifesto[8] of March, 1919, Mr. Crowley proclaims to the world that:

> "The Authority of the O. T. O. is concentrated in the O. H. O. (Outer Head of the Order or Frater Superior[9] . . .
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> "The Authority of the O. H. O. in all English-speaking countries is delegated by charter to the Most Holy, Most Illustrious, Most Illuminated and Most Puissant Baphomet X° Rex Summus Sanctissimus 33°, 90°, 96° [that is to say, Aleister Crowley], Past Grand Master of the United States of America . . . etc., etc., etc., National Grand Master General *ad vitam* of the O. T. O."[1]

It would appear, therefore, that his claim to the delegation by *charter* of full authority of the O. T. O. in all English-speaking countries is well established and that it has so existed, since June 1, 1912, the date of the granting of said charter and the establishment of the Mysteria Mystica Maxima.

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[8] *The Equinox,* Volume Three, No. 1, March, 1919, our Reproduction No. 19A, shown on p. 378 of Volume One hereof.

[9] This is so provided in Article IV of the Constitution of the O. T. O. Some of the powers of the O. H. O. are shown in our Reproductions Nos. 55A and 55B.

[1] Shown in our Reproduction No. 19A, Volume One, p. 378; in the Brochure, p. 107.

Crowley and Lewis

Their Use of Masonic Signature Seals

In our said Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,*[2] we pointed to the use of similar Masonic signature seals by Lewis and Crowley as one of the many circumstances tending to prove the close connection between them.[3] Evidently this suggestion and this evidence was quite disturbing to Mr. Lewis' peace of mind, since he has made strenuous efforts to argue away the implication; published his "Exhibit No. 9," showing a number of Masonic signature seals[4] similar to the one he uses officially in connection with his alleged Rosicrucian signature—which no real Rosicrucian would do —and then, to settle the matter, he has his committee say that:

> "It has seen much evidence to prove that the ecclesiastical cross emblem which the Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, uses before his name on official documents was *not invented by Mr. Crowley,* but was in use on Masonic and Rosicrucian documents in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, and the committee reproduces herewith photographs of Roumanian Masonic documents and other documents dating as far back as 1882, showing similar or identical marks made before the signatures[5] of officers who were in no wise connected with or known to Crowley. Crowley must have been a mere child in those years. This documentary evidence is presented herewith in this report."[6]

Here again we see his constant and continuing effort to confuse Masonry and Rosicrucianism, and to Masonically promote his fraudulent R. C. Order. As a matter of fact, official Rosicrucian documents do not carry Masonic signature seals. Therefore, the committee saw no Rosicrucian documents bearing such seals.

Aside from his high connections and powerful position in the O. T. O., a Masonic organization operating under a charter from the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Freemasonic Order of Memphis-Mizraim for Great Britain and Ireland, Mr. Crowley—along with Theodor Reuss, former O. H. O. of the O. T. O.—was a high

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[2] Republished as Book Five, Volume One.

[3] See our Reproductions Nos. 30 and 31 and text; Brochure, pp. 89 to 94, or Volume One, pp. 360 to 365.

[4] *White Book D,* p. 25, which we discussed in Chapter Three, pp. 141-142, *supra.*

[5] Refers to his "Exhibit No. 9."

[6] *White Book D,* p. 31.

officer of said Sovereign Sanctuary for Great Britain and Ireland.[7] Therefore, Crowley did not usurp the right to use such Masonic signature seals as intimated by Lewis, but rightfully used it by virtue of his official position and high standing in said Masonic Rites and Sovereign Sanctuary and in the O. T. O.

Under Dominion of Saint Crowley

Lewis' Rights Come From Same Source

If Mr. Lewis has the right to use a similar seal such as he has used, it is by virtue of the certificate of honorary membership in the O. T. O. and the Sovereign Sanctuary for Switzerland, Germany and Austria of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim granted to him by *Peregrinus*—Theodor Reuss—under the personal seal of Crowley[8] (the third seal from the left). Therefore, if he rightfully uses such Masonic seal, he must use it by the same right and in the same connection in which Crowley uses it, since their Masonry, if it be authentic, comes from the same original source.

In this connection let it be noted that Lewis stresses his close connection with Theodor Reuss and vigorously attempts to disassociate himself from Aleister Crowley. However, it is a vain effort, because we see here[9] that Reuss and Crowley were closely associated in the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Ancient and Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim for Great Britain and Ireland, as they were in the O. T. O. during Reuss' lifetime.[1]

Now, if Lewis claims the right to use such Masonic signature seal as coming to him from John Yarker, whom he says was "an eminent Masonic historian," through the certificate of honorable membership[2] issued to him by Theodor Reuss, then the use by him of such seal shows a close connection with Crowley—that is obvious in view of the facts herein shown.

However, let it be remembered that said honorary membership

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[7] See our Reproductions Nos. 60, 60A and 60B, showing the election of the successor of John Yarker, as Sovereign Grand Master General, especially Reproduction No. 60B.

[8] See our Reproduction No. 40, Part One, this chapter, pp. 281 to 283, *supra*.

[9] As shown in our fac-simile Reproductions Nos. 60, 60A and 60B.

[1] Mr. Theodor Reuss died in 1924.

[2] His "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," our Reproduction No. 40.

certificate was not issued until July 30, 1921, whereas Lewis adopted said Masonic signature seal (or similar thereto) in 1915 for himself as *"The Sacred Insignia of the Grand Master General* of the AMORC,[3] which raises the pertinent question, by what right did he adopt such Masonic seal in 1915 as a Rosicrucian symbol and by what right did he use it from 1915 to 1921? Irrespective of the answer to these questions, it is apparent that he has been using a Masonic signature seal or similar thereto as a *device* to Masonically promote his spurious Rosicrucian Order since he instituted said Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle in 1915, with himself as *Grand Master General*[4] thereof—a Masonic title used in the Order Memphis-Mizraim.

Is Crowley Secret Chief?

Is He Lewis' Present Secret Chief?

Although on February 16, 1934, Lewis affectionately referred to the Secret Chief of the O. T. O. who granted him a charter (!) in 1921 and the *present* Secret Chief of the O. T. O.,[5] yet he denies that Saint Edward Aleister Crowley[6] is the *present* Secret Chief or O. H. O. of the O. T. O., and denounces him as a notorious *Black Magician.* In view of which and our aforesaid charge,[7] may we not further inquire into the facts of the case?

We have heretofore seen that, by charter issued on June 1, 1912, by Theodor Reuss, giving and delegating all his powers as O. H. O. of the O. T. O. to Aleister Crowley in English-speaking territory, he became and has since remained the Secret Chief of the O. T. O. in the United States of America, wherein Mr. Lewis resides, and that when Theodor Reuss issued said certificate of honorary membership to Lewis,[8] he did so under Crowley's *personal seal,* thus recognizing Crowley's dominion over Lewis. Therefore, whatever

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[3] See lower right corner of our Reproduction No. 68. In this connection see also and note carefully our Reproductions Nos. 67 and 69 to be found near end of Chapter Five.

[4] See our Reproduction No. 67, showing the first officers of AMORC.

[5] Shown fully in our Reproduction No. 32, Volume One, p. 389, Brochure, p. 117.

[6] See our Reproduction No 60B, where the title of "saint" is given to Crowley.

[7] See Volume One, pp. 335 to 391 of said Brochure, an *Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC.*

[8] Our Reproduction No. 40, Part One of this Chapter, pp. 381-383, *supra.*

right, *"powers, authorities and privileges which have not yet been exercised by the Imperator of AMORC in North America"*[9] which Lewis may still claim thereunder must be exercised under the dominion and authority of Saint Edward Aleister Crowley, whom he denounces as an "untouchable," notorious Black Magician.

But did not Crowley succeed Theodor Reuss as O. H. O. and Supreme Secret Chief of the O. T. O. after the passing or the death of the latter in 1924? And is Crowley now the Secret Chief of Mr. Lewis and the O. T. O.? Indeed, such is the case! Moreover, Crowley succeeded Theodor Reuss by right of succession under the rules and regulations of the O. T. O.

Crowley Successor to Reuss

Became Supreme Secret Chief in 1924

If the reader will kindly turn to page 16 of the Book of the Constitution of the O. T. O.,[1] it will be seen that the *Tenth Degree* is honorary, that it is held only by the administrators and spiritual directors of the Order and by the O. H. O. The "Denomination of Degrees" and the "Classification of Members" as to this last degree of the O. T. O. is: "X° Supr. Rex. O. H. O. Administration and Spiritual Direction." Thus it appears that none save Tenth Degree Members may be the Supreme King, O. H. O., or Secret Chief of the O. T. O.

Now, if you will kindly turn to our reproduction of the *Oriflamme*,[2] it will be seen that, of the co-founders and prominent members of the O. T. O., only Dr. Carl Kellner, Spiritual Father; Theodor Reuss, first O. H. O. or Secret Chief, and Aleister Crowley, National Grand Master of the *Mysteria Mystica Maxima*, were the only Tenth Degree members,[3] and that all others were only Ninth Degree members.[4] Dr. Carl Kellner and Theodor Reuss being deceased, the latter in 1924, Crowley is the only living Tenth Degree member, and, having previously been Chief in all

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[9] See Lewis' description of his O. T. O. charter (!) or "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," Volume One, pp. 345-346, or the Brochure, p. 75.

[1] Our Reproduction No. 55E.

[2] Reproductions Nos. 57 to 57W, both inclusive.

[3] See our Reproductions Nos. 57A, 57D and 57V.

[4] See our Reproductions Nos. 57B, 57C, 57S, 57T and 57U.

English-speaking countries, he was by right and under all the facts and circumstances of the case the natural and rightful successor of Theodor Reuss as the O. H. O. or Secret Chief of the O. T. O. and of Mr. Lewis, who has claimed so much under the O. T. O. Therefore, in view of these and other facts and circumstances to follow herein, it must be concluded that Aleister Crowley is the *present* SECRET CHIEF and SUPREME O. H. O. of the O. T. O. wherever it exists or functions.

Theodor Reuss and Crowley

And Crowley's Black Magic-Sex Teachings

The late Theodor Reuss was an occultist of worth. He enjoyed a high standing in occult circles. He was well reputed and respected by all occultists. It has been noted that Lewis praises Mr. Reuss, whose reputation was good; that he claims his connection with the O. T. O. and his most unusual rights, titles and prerogatives thereunder through him and by virtue of the honorary membership certificate[5] which Reuss issued to him. On the other hand, it has also been noted that, while clinging to Theodor Reuss, he denounces Crowley, whose reputation as an occultist is not so good, as a NOTORIOUS BLACK MAGICIAN and his *Black Magic-Sex Teachings* as abominable and unfit to be a part of the literature in any home.

However, the connection between Mr. Reuss and Mr. Crowley was much closer than we have heretofore shown or hinted. In Crowley's notorious and detestable *Black Magic-Sex Doctrines* they saw eye to eye; and from 1912, for a period of ten years, they worked hand in hand, spreading and promulgating these deplorable teachings, as a result of which Mr. Reuss' reputation as an occult leader suffered severely, but during the last two years of his life he was not active in teaching the Crowley doctrines and practices and gained back part of the respect that had been accorded to him in former years in occult and fraternal circles.

Lewis' "Whiz-Bang" Alibi

In addition to the denunciation which we have heretofore quoted, again in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* August, 1935, pages 265 and 266,

[5] Lewis' "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," our Reproduction No. 40.

Lewis delivered another bitter and indignant (!) denunciation of Crowley and his sex teachings, as follows:

> "This man [meaning the writer] says, for instance, that the Imperator of AMORC has as his 'secret chief' *one international and infamous character known as Crowley,* and that through *this deplorable character known as Crowley* the Imperator of AMORC works his 'black magic.' Now every member who has passed beyond the second or third degree or who has ever inquired of us regarding the character known as Crowley knows that *we have very strongly and very definitely condemned all of the sex teachings*[6] *and other so-called philosophic ideas proclaimed by Mr. Crowley* as being unfit to be a part of the literature to be found in *any* home, or to be read by *any* person of a clean mind. *Mr. Crowley has been exposed many, many times in Europe, and, according to newspaper accounts, it is alleged he was even required to leave certain countries and never enter them again, including the United States. Mr. Crowley has never had any contact with our organization or a single officer of it, and we would immediately expel from AMORC any member that was associated with Mr. Crowley and his work.* The farmer in Pennsylvania[7] knows this only too well, and he knows how bitterly we have condemned some of his philosophic writings and preachings upon the sex question, and, therefore, he seeks to confuse the issue by wanting his few followers to keep away from any contact with AMORC because of AMORC's 'black magic.' Could anything be more absurd in the field of mystical literature?" (Italics are ours.)

The "Razzle-Dazzle" of Sex

Lewis' Attempt to Escape His Black Magic

It is not our purpose here and now to discuss the *sex question.* It is a profound and sacred subject when rightly understood that has suffered greatly and brought into disrepute by too much of the wrong kind of discussion by those entirely ignorant of its true significance and sublime nature. However, it is necessary to give the subject passing and brief consideration to refute Lewis' "holier-than-thou" attitude and his ugly and false insinuations.

For several years he has charged the Randolph Foundation of

[6] Yet this inconsistent "Imperator" and fraternal racketeer *teaches* the Crowley Black Magic-Sex doctrines, which he "so very strongly and very definitely condemned." See our Reproduction No. 59, to be later considered.

[7] See Chapter Three, pp. 132-133, *supra.*

the authentic Rose Cross Order in America with the teaching of unwholesome and undesirable sex teachings, and then, with self-righteous and assumed indignation, proclaimed that he and his organization were entirely *free* from *all* sex teachings. A specific instance is found in his so-called "Rosicrucian Manual," Sixth Edition, 1934, on page 7, as follows:

> ". . . This means that it [the AMORC] does NOT publish books claiming to contain Rosicrucian fundamentals, rituals, secrets, rites or TEACHINGS, *does not deal with sex problems, sex practices or indulgences under the guise of higher occult teachings,"* etc. (Our italics.)

The mystery of sex is the hidden and little-understood principle underlying *all* Nature—the basic principle of *all* things, both animate and inanimate. The principle of sex is taught in all mystery schools, in the higher occult sciences, and finds application in all magic—both white and black. The sex principle in its application may be and is subject to right use or abuse. When rightly used it is the higher law of generation and regeneration, which transmutes the gross into the finer—which leads upward to salvation and the immortalization of the soul. As such it is the law of the White Brotherhood—a basis of White Magic. When misused, abused and perverted, it becomes the inverse law of the Black Brotherhood, which leads to destruction and becomes a part of the arts of Black Magic.

The Randolph Foundation of the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity in America does teach the high law of generation and regeneration—the sex doctrines of the White Brotherhood—the White Magic of Sex. The manifold blessings that these teachings and holy practices have brought to mankind are a source of pride and satisfaction. Those interested in these wholesome teachings will find a general treatment in PHILOSOPHY OF FIRE and RACE REGENERATION by the author, and a more specified treatment of the wondrous White Magic of Sex, in EULIS, by Dr. P. B. Randolph.[8] If Mr. Lewis were an occultist, instead of a rank charlatan and pretender, if he had only a slight understanding of genuine occultism

[8] Published by the Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Penna. *Eulis* is a private book, which can only be obtained upon subscription and under the conditions prescribed. The higher occult teachings are only available to members of the Order.

or mysticism, he would be able to distinguish between good and bad sex teachings and would not indiscriminately condemn all teachings on the subject, especially the truly worthy and higher sex teachings of the Randolph Foundation of the authentic Fraternity of the Rose Cross in America.

However, his bitter denunciation of our teachings is a part of his general plan to discredit the authentic Order to promote his own spurious R. C. Order.[9] So, also, his bitter denunciation of Crowley is designed to hide his own perverted sex teachings—which are the Black Magic-Sex Teachings of Crowley and of the modernized O. T. O., with which he claims the closest connection.

The Sex Teachings of the O. T. O.

It Adopted the Black Magic of Crowley

We have set forth the foregoing statements of Lewis to show that they are subterfuges and devices in aid of his fraternal racket. Let us now consider the evidence which proves them to be such. We have heretofore shown that when the O. T. O. granted a charter on June 1, 1912, to Crowley covering all English-speaking countries, Theodor Reuss—Peregrinus—the Supreme Chief or Caput of the Order, remarked in the *Oriflamme,*[1] that the granting of said charter to Crowley "does not lack a certain piquancy" or spicy taste "for those familiar with the situation," which means that then and there Theodor Reuss and the O. T. O. adopted the Black Magic-Sex Teachings of Crowley.

In writing on this same subject, in relation to the *Law of Thelima*, which is his Black Magic-Sex Doctrine, Mr. Crowley, in 1919, made the following statement in the official organ of the O. T. O., to wit:

> "In the first place he [meaning himself] availed himself of a certain organization of which *he was offered the control,* namely, the O. T. O. *This great Order accepted the Law*[2] immediately and was justified by the sudden and great revival of its activities. The law

[9] See Chapter Three, *supra.*

[1] Our Reproduction No. 57 of page 14 thereof.

[2] Refers to the Black Magic formula of Crowley: "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law."

was given to our founder[3] twelve years ago. The O. T. O. came into his hands eight years later in the vulgar year 1912. . . .

"However, with the sudden growth of the O. T. O. from 1912 E. V. onward, he began to perceive the method of putting the Law into general practice, of making it possible for men and women to live in accordance with their wills, etc."[4]

This claim of Crowley as to his control over the O. T. O. and its immediate acceptance of his sex doctrines must be well taken, because it is fully substantiated by a statement on page 19 of the Book of the Constitution of the O. T. O., which is a *"Message from Master Thirion"* (Crowley), setting forth his notorious Black Magic-Sex formula, *"Love Is the Law, Love Under Will."* This statement appears above the printed statement reading: "Address for Enquirers: Theodor Reuss"—the name Theodor Reuss being stamped thereon with a rubber stamp.[5] The statement is as follows:

"MESSAGE FROM MASTER THIRION

"For our great comfort it is written in the Book of the Law:

"Love Is the Law, Love Under Will.

"This is to be taken as meaning that while Will is the Law, the nature of that Will is Love. But this Love is, as it were, a by-product of that Will; it does not contradict or supersede that Will; and if apparent contradiction should arise in any crisis, it is the Will that will guide us aright. Love is easily counterfeited. Lo, while in the Book of the Law is much of Love, there is no word of Sentimentality. Hate itself is almost like Love! Fighting most certainly is Love. 'As Brothers fight ye!' All the manly races of the world understand this. The Love of Liber Legis is always bold, virile, ecstatic, even orgiastic. There is delicacy, but it is the delicacy of strength. Mighty and terrible and glorious as it is, however, it is but the pennon upon the sacred lance of Will, the damascened in-

[3] Refers to the A.·.A.·. as founded by Crowley. See our Reproduction No. 27, Volume One, p. 388.

[4] *The Equinox,* Volume Three, No. 1, p. 231, Crowley writing on the subject *"Concerning the Law of Thelima."*

[5] See our Reproduction No. 55G of page 19 of the O. T. O. Constitution. The particular copy of the Constitution of the O. T. O., from which our Reproductions were made, is under an official seal of Theodor Reuss—*Peregrinus.* See upper right corner of our Reproduction No. 55. This same seal appears on Lewis' "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4," next to name of *Peregrinus,* our Reproduction No. 40, Part One, this chapter, p. 283, *supra.*

scription upon the swords of the Knight-monks of Thelima.

"It is the apotheosis of Freedom, but it is also the strictest possible bond. It is that harmony of Legis Jogum and Libertas Evangelii which we once saw upon the little table above the Pastos of Our Father Christian Rosencreutz."

A more direct or brutally frank statement of the *Black Magic of Sex* could scarcely be made. The reference to Father Christian Rosencreutz therein is without justification. Let it here be recorded and proclaimed that at no time have the Rosicrucians given countenance to such detestable Black Magic doctrines as therein set forth. However, with the foregoing statement printed in the Book of the Constitution, it is certain that the O. T. O. and Theodor Reuss adopted the Crowley sex teachings as therein set forth.

The O. T. O. Sex Magic Said to Explain Masonic Symbols

The Book of the Constitution, in which appears the unconditional acceptance of the Crowley sex teachings by the O. T. O. and its O. H. O., Theodor Reuss, was published in 1917. This was five years prior to the issuance in 1921 by *Peregrinus* (Theodor Reuss) of the Honorary Membership Certificate to H. Spencer Lewis.[6] However, five years prior to the issuance of the Book of the Constitution, the Master of the Order in the Jubilee issue of the *Oriflamme,* 1912, had much to say concerning the teaching of *Sexual Magic* by the O. T. O. The reader will recall that shortly prior to the publication of said Jubilee issue, the O. T. O. had granted a charter to Aleister Crowley, granting unto him all the powers of the O. H. O. in all English-speaking countries,[7] and had accepted his sex teachings or the *Law of Thelima.* On page 21 of the Jubilee issue an interesting statement appears, as follows:

"Our Order possesses the KEY which opens up all Masonic.·.and Hermetic secrets; namely, the teaching of *sexual magic*; and this teaching explains, without exception, all the secrets of Nature, *all the symbolism of* FREEMASONRY and all systems of religion.

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[6] His "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4." See our Reproduction No. 40 and the translation thereof in Part One, this chapter, pp. 281-283, *supra.*

[7] See p. 14 of the *Oriflamme,* our Reproduction No. 57I.

"May our Order continue victorious as in the past.

"The Master of the Order."[8]

In addition to having a pronouncement on Sexual Magic of the O. T. O. we have further proof that the O. T. O. was not and is not a Rosicrucian Order or affiliated therewith. Continuing on the same page are further statements relating to the sex teachings of the Order, under the title of *Mysteria Mystica Maxima,* which is the name of the British section of the O. T. O., including all countries where English is generally spoken,[9] in further previous recognition of Mr. Crowley and his Black Magic-Sex Doctrines, as follows:

"MYSTERIA MYSTICA MAXIMA

"At the conclusion of the foregoing article it was stated that the key opening up the secret which underlies all *Freemasonic symbols* was the teaching of *sexual magic.*

"Now, although this teaching of *sexual magic* is the secret of the O. T. O. and is not suitable for publication in a pamphlet which reaches wide circles,[1] nevertheless, the Management of the Order has decided to lift a very small tip of the veil which conceals our secret, in this Anniversary (Jubilee) Number of the *Oriflamme,* to enlighten earnest seekers."

This article, which "lifts a very small tip of the veil," which conceals the sex teachings of the O. T. O., reveals sufficient to convey an accurate idea of their nature. However, the reader and investigator will find them fully revealed in the writings of Crowley in *The Equinox* and in his world-wide notoriety as a Black Magician. The article continues:

"We need not apologize to the public for daring to touch openly on this delicate question here, for there is not the slightest doubt that the sexual question is the burning question of our times. It is not necessary for us to submit proof of this, for every daily newspaper contains the same amply.

"As introduction to our short 'Revelation,' let us quote the words

[8] *Oriflamme,* 1912, p. 21, our Reproduction No. 57O (see translation).

[9] See our Reproduction No. 58.

[1] This Anniversary Issue of the *Oriflamme* was a limited issue, intended only for the members of the O. T. O. and their trusted friends. It will be noted that the copy which we reproduce herein is sealed with the seal of the Order. See our Reproduction No. 57. Note the seal stamped on the upper right corner of the cover.

of Przbyszewski, a great and serious research worker in this field, who said, 'To the same extent that I would have been able to have prevented in the Middle Ages the existence of the Soul being detected in realms of religious life, can I now change or alter the fixed fact that nowadays the Soul reveals itself only in the intercourse or relationship of the two sexes to each other. The Soul must be reproached for this, not I.'

"We say in our manifesto that we supply the properly prepared brother with the *practical* means to obtain proof of his immortality even during his earthly existence.

"Well, one of these means is a certain Yoga exercise."[2]

The O. T. O. Teaches Yoga

Following the foregoing quotation is a brief explanation of the Yoga teachings of the O. T. O. from the writings of Dr. Kellner, the originator of the order. May we digress to point out that Yoga as taught in the East and by the O. T. O. is not a Rosicrucian teaching and is a doctrine and practice which does not fit into the philosophy of Rosicrucians. Literally, the word *Yoga* means union. Its meaning and the practice of Yoga are entirely consistent with the declared aims and teachings of the O. T. O., as declared by Theodor Reuss, writing under the name of Merlin,[3] in the 1910 edition of the *Oriflamme,* viz.: "We seek towards the CONSCIOUS *Union with Him.*"[4] This is in line with the teaching of the Theosophical Society, of which Dr. Franz Hartmann was an honored member and upon which he wrote profoundly with depth of understanding. It is the Mysticism of the East of which we offer no criticism. Profound as it may be, it is *not* Rosicrucian philosophy. We have heretofore stated the distinction between Mysticism and Rosicrucianism in Volume I of this work, at page 308, to which reference is made.[5] Here we have further and corroborative proof that the O. T. O. as originally organized and after it came under the control

[2] The *Oriflamme,* pp. 21 and 22, our Reproductions Nos. 57O and 57P. This article relating to Yoga and the sex teachings of the O. T. O. is continued through p. 23 of our Reproduction No. 57Q. (See translation near close of this chapter.)

[3] Theodor Reuss-Willsson was also known as *Peregrinus* and *Merlin.* With the latter name, *Merlin,* as the Frater Superior or O. H. O. of the O. T. O., he signed the Constitution of 1917. See our Reproduction No. 55B.

[4] *The Oriflamme,* 1912, p. 19, our Reproduction No. 57M.

[5] For the same statement see said Brochure, p. 38.

of Crowley, during and after the year 1912, was and is not a Rosicrucian Order or affiliated therewith.

The Official Organ of the O. T. O.

Crowley's Organ, The Equinox

In the Constitution of the O. T. O., on page 12, at the place designated "B" on our Reproduction No. 55B, it is declared that the *Oriflamme* and *The Equinox* are the official organs of the O. T. O. *The Equinox* was and is the personal organ of Aleister Crowley.

In the *Oriflamme,* 1912, on page 24, the official literature and organs of the O. T. O. are listed as follows:

"LITERATURE

"I. N. R. I.—Under this title there appear the publications of the Order of the Oriental Templars. The publisher is Theodor Reuss, 4 Duke Street, Adelphi, London.

"ORIFLAMME—Official organ of the Grand Orient of Germany. The publisher is Dr. Carl Lauer, Schulstrasse, 30, Ludwigshafen a. Rhein.

"THE EQUINOX—Official Organ of the O. T. O. in England. The publisher is Aleister Crowley, 3 Great James Street, Bedford Row, London, W. C. Every volume costs shillings 10/6.

"L'INITIATION—Official organ of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites and the O. T. O. in France. The publisher is Dr. Papus, 15 Rue Seguier, Paris, France. Price: 12 Francs per year.

"THE UNIVERSAL FREEMASON—Official organ of the American Masonic Federation. The publisher is M. McB. Thomson, 585 Main Street, Evanston, Wyo., U. S. A." [6]

Not only were Crowley's Black Magic-Sex Teachings recognized and adopted by the O. T. O. in addition thereto, his personal organ, the official organ of his A.·.A.·.was made an official organ of the O. T. O. Of all the official organs of the O. T. O., *The Equinox*

[6] Our Reproduction No. 57R. The reader may note that *The Universal Freemason* published by M. McB. Thomson, was recognized literature of the O. T. O. and that the O. T. O. recognized and entered into friendly relations with the American Masonic Federation. See *Oriflamme,* p. 23, our Reproduction No. 57Q. This was the Masonic Fraud for which M. McB. Thomson was convicted, which was discussed in Part One of this chapter, *supra.*

is the only one which has survived and exists today.

The O. T. O. Since 1912 Under the Domination of Crowley

We believe that it has been conclusively established by the foregoing proof produced that Crowley's influence became dominant in the O. T. O. in 1912 and that it has since continued. However, in justice to Mr. Crowley, we desire to make a correction. In our Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* republished as Book V of Volume I hereof, we stated that he was the originator and organizer of the O. T. O. without properly limiting or qualifying our statements or showing his true relations to and connections with the O. T. O. Our statements should have been limited to the English-speaking Branch of the O. T. O. and explained, which explanation we are now pleased to make. Mr. Crowley did originate the English Section of the O. T. O. with its notorious *Law of Thelima, i.e.,* "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law —Love is the law, love under will," which was adopted as the law and doctrine of the O. T. O. in 1912, as we have seen, after which the O. T. O. became a *new,* a *reorganized* and *completely Crowleyized O. T. O.* In this very proper sense Crowley was the originator of the O. T. O. as we know it today, and as it has been since 1912, at which time he organized the British Section, including all countries where English is spoken, under a grant of power or charter from Theodor Reuss, its then supreme head. We also stated that Crowley made announcement of his O. T. O. activities in 1911, which carries the silent accusation that he began his O. T. O. activities before he had proper warrant of authority. This was an error and unjust to Crowley. He did not make announcement of his O. T. O. activities until September, 1912, and not until he had first received due warrant of authority.

Lewis' Charter (?) From the O. T. O.

Was It Signed by Crowley?

In the footnote to his "Exhibit No. 8,"[7] which we have reviewed

[7] See our Reproduction No. 54.

in part, he says: "The upper photo shows pages of the O. T. O. guide book in English and German, according to the Constitution of 1906," which turned out to be a mutilated copy of parts of pages 16 and 17 of the O. T. O. Book of the Constitution, issued in 1917. Continuing, Mr. Lewis says: "It was issued by 'Supreme Magus Peregrinus' *in 1907*—four years before Crowley ever heard of the O. T. O., and twelve years before Crowley manufactured his *imitation* O. T. O. The lower reproduction is from a letter on the O. T. O. stationery written by the Supreme Magus 'Peregrinus,' who signed one of the AMORC charters. It proves that 'Peregrinus' and Theodor Reuss-Willsson were identical. This also proves that Crowley did not sign the AMORC charter."

In a footnote on page 31 of his *White (?) Book D,* referring to his "Exhibit No. 8," he further says: "This signature is identical with that on the German-Austrian-Switzerland *charter granted to Imperator Lewis* (our italics) and which Clymer ridiculously or maliciously says was signed by Crowley."

Well, we did not say that Crowley signed the O. T. O. Honorary Certificate of Membership which Lewis claims is a *charter.* That is his way of confusing the charges and misrepresenting the facts. We did, however, intimate very strongly that he had something to do with it and that Crowley was and is Lewis' *Secret Chief.*

In view of the facts, heretofore shown, briefly stated as follows: that Crowley was granted a charter in 1912 giving him jurisdiction of the O. T. O. in all *English-speaking countries;* that he had jurisdiction over Lewis in 1921, when Reuss granted the Lewis Honorary Membership Certificate;[8] that Reuss recognized Crowley's jurisdiction over the U. S. A. and Lewis, residing therein, by issuing said certificate under the *personal seal* of Crowley;[9] that the O. T. O. accepted his Black Magic-Sex teachings in 1912 and has since been under his complete domination; that he succeeded Theodor Reuss, who was previously under his domination, upon his death in 1924 as the O. H. O. of the O. T. O.; that Crowley is the only survivor of the high officials of the O. T. O., his organ, *The Equinox,* is the only surviving official organ of the O. T. O., and he is the only high officer active today—hence, he is the *Secret Chief of*

[8] His "Important Document No. 4," which he fraudulently claims to be a Rosicrucian Charter. See our Reproduction No. 40.

[9] The third seal from the left. See our Reproduction No. 40.

the O. T. O., therefore, it makes little or no practical difference whether Crowley personally signed the Lewis certificate—about which he has boasted so much and completely misrepresented—*the effect is the same.* Whatever rights and prerogatives Lewis may claim or may actually have in, under or from the O. T. O., he must exercise them under Aleister Crowley, his SECRET CHIEF, whom he admits is a *Black Magician.*

The Sex Black Magic As It Is Taught by the O. T. O.

What are these notorious and infamous Black Magic-Sex teachings of Aleister Crowley, which were accepted and now taught by the O. T. O.? This question has been answered by Mr. Crowley, who in an article written for general distribution in a circular, under the title of "The Law of Liberty," gives us a very good idea of these Black Magic-Sex practices. Although the article or tract is written in somewhat mystical language, yet it is sufficiently clear that all may understand the exact nature of these notorious sex practices and these detestable and dangerous teachings. From this article by Aleister Crowley, writing under the name *Therion,* we quote, in part, as follows:

"The Law of Liberty

A Tract of Therion

THAT IS A MAGUS 9° = 2□, A.·.A.·.

ISSUED BY THE O. T. O. (ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS)

"Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law.

"I am often asked why I begin my letters in this way. No matter whether I am writing to my lady or to my butcher, always I begin with these eleven words. Why, how else should I begin? What other greeting could be so glad? Look, brother, we are free! Rejoice with me, sister. There is no Law beyond *Do What Thou Wilt!*

"I write this for those who have not read our Sacred Book, the Book of the Law, or for those who, reading it, have somehow failed to understand its perfection. For there are many matters in this Book, and the Glad Tidings are now here, now there, scattered throughout the Book as the Stars are scattered through the field at

night. Rejoice with me, all ye people! At the very head of the Book stands the great charter of our godhead: 'Every man and every woman is a star.' We are all free, all independent, all shining gloriously, each one a radiant world. Is not that good tidings?

"Then comes the first call of the Great Goddess Nuit, Lady of the Starry Heaven, who is also Matter in its deepest metaphysical sense, who is the infinite in whom all we live and move and have our being. Hear her first summons to us men and women: 'Come forth, O children, under the stars and take your fill of love! I am above you and in you. My ecstasy is in yours. My joy is to see your joy.' Later she explains the mystery of sorrow: 'For I am divided for love's sake, for the chance of union.'

" 'This is the creation of the world; that the pain of division is as nothing and the joy of dissolution all.'

"It is shown later how this can be, how death itself is an ecstasy like love, but more intense, the reunion of the soul with its true self.

"And what are the conditions of this joy and peace and glory? Is ours the gloomy asceticism of the Christian and the Buddhist and the Hindu? Are we walking in eternal fear lest some 'sin' should cut us off from 'grace'? *By no means.*

" 'Be ye goodly, therefore: *dress* ye all in *fine apparel; eat rich foods* and *drink sweet wines* and wines that foam! Also, *take your fill* and *will of love as ye will when, where and with whom ye will!*' " (Our italics.)

This is a classical description in mystical language of the dangerous and detestable doctrine of free love. After all, a bolder and clearer statement of the doctrine of promiscuous sex abuse and misuse could scarcely be made than to admonish all to *"take your fill and will of love as ye will, when, where and with whom ye will,"* even though it be voluptuously and enticingly described, as follows:

"For hear, how gracious is the Goddess: 'I give *unimaginable joys* on earth; certainty, not faith, while in life, upon death; peace unutterable, rest, ecstasy; nor do I demand *aught in sacrifice.*'

"Is not this better than the death-in-life of the slaves of the Slave-Gods as they go oppressed by consciousness of 'sin,' wearily seeking or simulating wearisome and tedious 'virtues'?

"With such who have accepted the *Law of Thelima* have nothing to do. We have heard the Voice of the Star-Goddess: 'I love you! I yearn to you! Pale or purple, veiled or voluptuous, I, who am all

pleasure and *purple* and *drunkenness* of the *innermost sense*, desire you. Put on the wings and *arouse* the *coiled splendor within you*; come unto me!' And thus she ends:

"'Sing the *rapturous love song* unto me! *Burn to me perfumes! Wear to me jewels! Drink to me,* for I love you! *I love you!* I am the *blue-lidded daughter* of Sunset; I am the *naked brilliance of the voluptuous* night sky. To me! To me!'" (Italics are ours.)

And then we are told in conclusion by the Master of the Black Arts of abominable sex practices—by the most notorious of Black Magicians—to:

"Lift yourselves up, my brothers and sisters of the earth! Put beneath your feet all fears, *all qualms, all hesitancies!* Lift yourselves up! Come forth, free and joyous, by night and day, to do your will, for 'there is no law beyond Do What Thou Wilt.' Lift yourselves up! Walk forth with us in Light and Life and Love and Liberty, *taking our pleasures* as Kings and Queens in Heaven and on Earth.

"The sun is arisen; the spectre of the ages has been put to flight. 'The word of Sin is Restriction,' or, as it has been otherwise said in this text, 'That is Sin, to hold thine holy spirit in!'

"Go on in thy might; and let no man make thee afraid.

"Love is the Law, Love under Will." (Our italics.)

This is the Black Magic teachings of Crowley as magnificently stated by himself—the sex teachings of the O. T. O. since 1912. Is it any wonder, therefore, when we showed that by reason of his connection with the O. T. O., he was closely associated with Crowley and his Black Magic, that Lewis should denounce Mr. Crowley and, with an assumed attitude of injured innocence, indignantly declare: "We have very *strongly* and *definitely condemned all* of the *sex teachings* and other *so-called philosophic ideas* proclaimed by *Mr. Crowley* . . . and we would expel from AMORC any member that was associated with Crowley and his work"? (Italics ours.) But he *did not* mean what he said. It is a mere subterfuge—*a bombastic bluff!* He *could not mean* it. The logical application of his declaration would *compel* him to *expel himself* from his own family racket. *Because* he teaches the self-same Crowley *Black Magic-Sex* doctrines and practices.

Lewis Teaches the Black Magic of Sex

The Vicious Doctrine: "Do What Thou Wilt"

In his special tenth grade lectures, which he introduced[1] as "one of the *most* important messages"; as being "special secret lessons" for the inner circle of the "Tenth Degree," and as the ultra-secret and heretofore wholly unknown teachings of the "Great White Lodge of Tibet,"[2] he deals with a hodgepodge of subjects, teaching many inverse doctrines and much Black Magic.

In the fifty-eighth lecture of said tenth grade he deals at some length with the subject of "sin." On page 3 of said lecture he says:

> "Many of our moral laws today, especially in the most civilized lands, are based upon ancient regulations as forbidden things without having any evil in them whatsoever. In many lands today it is quite common for male and female to indulge in sex matters quite freely, without restrictions, limitations or marriage rites. In highly civilized lands such habits are sinful, and the courts say they are also illegal in some cases and under certain circumstances. Cohabitation between a man and his neighbor's wife is considered sinful, even though there may be shown to be absolutely no evil in the act so far as injury, destruction, harm or other destructive element is concerned in relation to either man or woman.
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> "From the mystical point of view, whatever regulation we accept as being worthy of our support and whatever rule we adopt as being a rule for our betterment and *our guide in living*, that rule and regulation *we must obey*, and the moment *we break that regulation we commit a sin*. In other words, if we establish certain forbidden things in our own lives, then when we do those forbidden things we commit sins. From the Cosmic point of view, the doing of a thing which by common consent is forbidden is the breaking of faith with the Cosmic Consciousness; and this, while not an evil thing, is a sinful thing." (Our italics.)

The promiscuous cohabitation of the sexes is very boldly and strongly suggested and we are told that cohabitation between a man and his neighbor's wife, although it is *unlawful* and considered

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[1] This introduction is quoted and printed in full in Chapter Two, this volume, pp. 98 to 104, both inclusive, *supra*.

[2] This fake "Great White Lodge of Tibet" has been discussed fully in Parts One and Four of this chapter, *supra*.

sinful, there is absolutely no evil in the act, if it be shown that there is no injury, harm or destructive element in the relation to either the man or the woman. His statement concerning these matters may appear to be restricted and qualified, but in the sentence immediately following, he effectively removes all restriction and qualifications by telling his followers that, *"whatever regulation we accept as being worthy of our support, and whatever rule we adopt as being a rule for our betterment and our guide in living, that rule and regulation we must obey,"* and that, if those *self-adopted* rules and regulations are broken, then *sin is committed.* Well, that is a very poor and vicious definition of sin, but it is a most excellent statement of the notorious and dangerous Black Magic doctrine: *"Do what thou wilt."* Adopt your own regulations, but stick to them. Therefore, if according to yourself-made regulations you hold that it is proper to cohabit with your neighbor's wife, you commit a sin only when you fail to do so—only when you violate your own rules and regulations! The sin consists in failing to do your own will! Mr. Crowley, being a scholar, made a more classic statement of the dangerous and detestable doctrine of *free love*—but Lewis states it so bluntly plain that all may understand. Realizing that he has made his teachings very clear, he apologizes for them somewhat in the next paragraph, but tells us that it is the way a *"Mystic should live,"* as follows:

> "I must admit that this doctrine is not one that should be widely promulgated, and I do not believe that the youths or even the adults of our day are all prepared to be taught such a doctrine as this. It borders too much on the very broad, lenient and convenient principle of 'Let your conscience be your guide.' However, *among highly educated* people and especially those who are *mystically trained* and who understand the law of Karma, certainly this understanding of sin and of the doing of evil gives us a more natural code for living than any of the artificial ones that have been established in the past. One thing is certain—the very counterpart of all the foregoing brings home to us a magnificent illustration of *how a mystic should live.*" (Our italics.)

It is written: "Thou shalt not commit adultery," and it is also said that "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife." These are the Christian ethics in the land in which we live, but we suppose that they are entirely too modern for a fraternal racketeer who

deals in "ancient" wares, modernized after his own fashion to his heart's content, and to suit his own convenience or caprice. And that is the way a Lewistonian *"Mystic" should live!*

"Do What Thou Wilt"

As Taught in the O. T. O. and AMORC.

In the eleventh grade, in AMORC-Temple Lecture Number Ten,[3] in connection with his strangely "mystical" teachings concerning the "word" and the "inner voice" and in connection with "worldly temptations" and "divine urge," Mr. Lewis, the holier-than-thou, who has a family racket, that "does *not* deal with *sex problems, sex practices* or *indulgences* under the *guise* of higher occult teachings,"[4] contrary to all his virtuous protestations and holy indignation—introduces the Crowley Black Magic-Sex teachings into the lectures or lessons of the AMORC in the following manner:

> "This leads me to a point where *I may safely and confidentially* comment on one of the ancient Rosicrucian laws which we have refrained from using in any of the lower grades because it is so apt to be misunderstood. *That law is this: 'Do what thou wilt is the whole of the law; love is the law,* love under will.' The *first part* of that law is the most significant. *'Do what thou wilt is the whole of the law.'* Now, that does not mean that you can do as you please and that there is no other law except the law that you go through life doing anything and everything that you desire to do. You would see at once that such a principle would not be any law at all. *The key to the whole law* lies in the word 'will.' *To do the things you will to do means to do the things that you have reasoned upon, examined, analyzed and finally agreed upon, with the understanding that you will assume all the responsibility for your act* and *bear all of the Karma* that results therefrom. You see, therefore, that the law is very much like the other one expressed in our teachings, *'If you dare to do, you will have the power to do.'* (Italics are ours.)

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[3] At p. 3, near the end and continued on p. 4, see our Reproduction No. 59, which is a slightly reduced fac-simile of p. 3 of Temple Lecture No. 10 of the Eleventh Grade of AMORC, by H. Spencer Lewis, the Imperator thereof.

[4] *Rosicrucian Manual* (AMORC), 1934, p. 4.

Thus the Crowley Black Magic-Sex formula is falsely presented to his members as "one of the ancient Rosicrucian laws." The doctrine of "Do what thou wilt" is *not,* it *never has been* a Rosicrucian law, it is Crowley's invention. It is contrary to the elementary precepts; the basic teachings and training of a Rosicrucian. To teach such doctrines and vicious sex practices as being Rosicrucian is *willful fraud.* Indeed, all that he has said upon the subject of his despicable and dangerous sex teachings, including his denial thereof, has been and is deliberately false—*absolutely false!*

He Denies and Denounces His Chief, Yet Teaches His Diabolical Doctrines

What shall we say of a pseudo mystic, conducting a fraternal swindle as a family racket, who claims to be a member of the O. T. O., which teaches the Crowley Black Magic of sex; who denies and denounces his Secret Chief of the O. T. O. as an internationally "infamous" and "deplorable character known as Crowley," and who "very definitely" condemns "all of his sex teachings and other so-called philosophical ideas proclaimed by Crowley as being unfit to be a part of the literature to be found in any home, or to be read by any person of clean mind"—yet, who, in the higher degrees, himself teaches the Black Magic-Sex formula and degrading philosophical doctrines of Mr. Crowley?

What shall we say of a boasting, self-styled Imperator, a Reverend *Sobbitha Bhikku* of the Great White Lodge of Tibet and a Most Perfect Master *Profundis*, who denounces all sex teachings, good or bad, and who denies that his fraternal racket and mystic swindle deals with sex problems, practices or indulgences under the guise of higher occult teachings—yet, who, himself, teaches sex practices and indulgences, for the educated and those mystically trained, far more vicious, dangerous and degrading than the Black Magic practices and indulgences taught by Crowley—the notorious and internationally infamous Black Magician?

Much might be said, if we could find adjectives sufficiently strong and accurate to describe our thoughts! Mr. Crowley has been denounced all over the civilized world, he has been driven from country after country, because they would not tolerate his vicious sex teachings and practices, but he never sailed under false colors, and

it must be said for him and to his honor that he never did the like of this—such as the Imperator of AMORC has done.

It must be said that his denunciation of Crowley and *all* sex teachings are *Badges of Fraud* and that his denial of teaching the vicious doctrine of sex convenience and free love under the guise of mystical training is another—just another—of the many *Fraudulent Devices employed* by him in the promotion and carrying on of his fraternal swindle.

How long, oh, how long, will a righteous government that so zealously guards the morals of its citizens and protects them against frauds and swindles permit this fraternal racketeer—who uses the mails and other instrumentalities of the people—to carry on!

Exposing a Fraud

Publishing So-called Secret Lessons

Shortly after we published our Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,*[5] in which we published several mimeographed lectures or lessons of AMORC, sent through the mails weekly to those members who pay their monthly dues, a loyal and deluded member wrote us complaining that we had violated the higher ethics of the secret and occult schools and breached the best fraternal customs in publishing the secret lessons of AMORC.

We *deny* most emphatically that we did anything of the kind. No school or order of occultists or of secret fraternities believes more sincerely in the *higher ethics* of the secret schools, orders or fraternities, and none observes more strictly the sacred and established *fraternal customs* of such secret schools or orders than do the Rosicrucians. We would not and we never have exposed the secret work of any legitimate order or organization.

AMORC is not a legitimate secret or occult order. It is a fraudulent concern and a fraternal swindle—a family racket. The lessons or so-called lectures we published were not secret. They had *been boldly lifted from published books* and sold to deluded members of said family racket under false and fraudulent representation. The introductory remarks and other statements contained in said so-called secret lessons by Lewis were false and the means of frau-

[5] Republished as Book Five in Volume One hereof.

dulent selling and presenting the same to his paying members.

We published the same, as we have certain statements and misrepresentations by Lewis and excerpts therefrom in this volume, to expose a fraud. It is no breach of the ethics of occult orders and fraternal societies to publish and expose a fraudulent concern or fraternal swindle, posing as a secret order and sailing under the flag of fraternalism, as protection for its nefarious work.

It is likewise contrary to the higher ethics and well-recognized fraternal customs to make known the secret initiate names or secret marks or signatures of the initiates of any occult order, fraternal or mystic society. We believe in these higher ethics and customs and adhere to them most scrupulously. Mr. Lewis, in defending himself against our charges and in making counter-charges against us, exposed the initiate name of Theodor Reuss, viz.: *"Peregrinus,"* which forced us in self-defense to make known another secret name of Reuss, viz.: *"Merlin,"* also to reveal the secret name of August Reichel, viz.: *"Amertis."* All other so-called secret names having the appearance of initiate names, which we have exposed herein, have been mere *nom de plumes* or assumed names which Lewis and his confederates have adopted or assumed and which Lewis has used in the promotion of his fraternal racket. Therefore, the exposing of such names or *nom de plumes* to expose a fraud is not a breach of said ethics and fraternal customs. Indeed, it would be a means of perfect protection to all fraternal swindlers, trafficking in brotherly love and high ideals, if they be allowed to hide under a so-called mantle of secrecy, behind a shroud of higher ethics and be exempted from exposure by the ethics and fraternal customs which they desecrate.

The Crowley Black Cross

The Lewis Exhibit No. 12

In our Brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,*[6] we showed that in 1910, in connection with his A.·.A.·.activities, which was before the O. T. O. joined with him, issued him a charter covering all English-speaking countries and adopted his sex magic: "Do what thou wilt," Aleister Crowley published a certain cross as

[6] Pages 83 to 86 and Reproductions Nos. 23, 24, 24A, 25 and 26 shown on pp. 111 to 115; or Volume One, pp. 353 to 358, and Reproductions on pp. 383 to 387.

the grand symbol of his Black Magic. We also showed that Lewis had adopted that cross or one almost identically similar, in connection with his family enterprise and fraudulent R. C. Order. We submitted that evidence as a link in the chain of evidence which we offered to prove the close relationship between Lewis and Crowley, his *Secret Chief,* whom he confessed as such in his letter of February 16, 1934, to M. Carl.[7]

In an attempt to disprove our charge and the evidence supporting it, on page 28 of his *White Book D,* he published his *"Exhibit No. 12,"* which we have reproduced herein for convenience of discussion, being our Reproduction No. 61, which he says is not Crowley's Black Cross, at all, but the *ancient* "Alchemical and Hermetic" Rosy Cross. To show that this is *not* true, we have reproduced herein the *true* Golden and Rosy Cross of the Rosicrucians, being our Reproduction No. 63, also the *genuine* Alchemical and Hermetic Rosy Cross, being our Reproduction No. 62.

The History of the Crowley-Lewis Crosses

It will be interesting to know the origin of this Cross, how Crowley acquired it and why and how he misused it. In our Brochure [8] above mentioned, we stated that Mr. Crowley had been a member of an English Rosicrucian organization, and that he had broken his vows and turned Black. The organization referred to was the ORDER OF THE GOLDEN DAWN, which was founded by the well-known occultist and Kabalist, S. L. McGregor Mathers, often referred to as a Rosicrucian Order, which, however, is not entirely correct in the strict and exact sense—because, in fact, it is far more Kabalistic than Rosicrucian. The major part of its secret teachings were based upon the Ancient Kabala, as is a generally known and accepted fact in occult circles.

The particular cross which we are discussing was an exclusive symbol of the *Order of the Golden Dawn.* As a part of his or her initiation every second-degree member was required to make this cross. The instructions given for the making of this cross were

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[7] See Brochure, pp. 98-99 and fac-simile reproductions, p. 117; or Volume One, pp. 369-370 and 389.

[8] *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 67 and 83; or Volume One, pp. 337 and 353.

elaborate and complicated. In its true design and correct execution, it is a complicated combination of colors and their complements. Each arm was painted according to its elemental color and the designs upon each arm in complementary colors. The twenty-two-petalled rose in the center contains much complicated symbolism, with Hebrew letters on each petal, also shown in complementary colors. On the whole, the completed original Cross of *The Golden Dawn* (which Crowley only exposed in part, as we shall later see) is a magnificent symbol containing much of the beautiful symbolism of the esoteric teachings of that noble order.[9]

How It Became a Symbol of the A.·.A.·. and of Crowley's Black Magic

Aleister Crowley was initiated into the Order of the Golden Dawn and was taught how to complete the cross above described as a symbol of his initiation. Afterwards he violated his oath, exposed in part the rituals and used the *incompleted cross* of the Order of the Golden Dawn as a symbol of his activities in connection with his A.·.A.·., as indicated by his pronouncement: "Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the law." This he published in *The Equinox*, then the official organ of the A.·.A.·. before it became also the official organ of the O. T. O. He did not use the symbol of the completed holy cross of the Golden Dawn, because in its final and completed form it was *dedicated to the Magic of Light*, which did not suit his purpose.

Mr. Crowley had a right in and to that particular cross or symbol, because he had made it, but he had no right to expose, even in part, the rituals in connection with the secret work of which that cross is symbolical, and to use it or to publish it, even in its incompleted form, in connection with the Black Magic activities of his A.·.A.·.

What Are Black Activities?

What Constitutes a Black Magician?

Black activities are bad—the opposite of good activities. The

[9] The explanation of the origin of this cross was not made in our Brochure, due only

first step towards Black Magic is evidenced by the violation of solemn oaths and sacred obligations and the exposing of secret work secured under such obligations. The final proof of Black Magic is the use of holy symbols for unholy purposes. In our brochure, *An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* at page 63,[1] we made a brief explanation and pointed out the distinction between White and Black Magic. The same holy cross and other symbols which symbolize White Magic are often used by Black Magicians to symbolize their perverted arts.

Some Black Magicians use their own symbols that are truly eloquent of their arts, while others, who were white, but who turned black, misuse the holy symbols of White Magic and symbols of Holy Orders which they have betrayed as symbols of their unholy arts, of Black Magic. Just as the operator in the Black Mass profanes a Consecrated Host, so have Lewis and Crowley, his *Secret Chief*, used and profaned the *incompleted* cross of the Order of the Golden Dawn.

By What Right Does Lewis Use This Cross Wrongfully?

Mr. Crowley was a member of the Order of the Golden Dawn, from which he received this symbolical Cross which he used in its incompleted and partial form in connection with his Black Magic activities. That cross, in design, in its various stages of completion, was distinctively and solely a symbol of the Order of the Golden Dawn. That Order created it as its symbol. None but members of that Order who had reached certain stages of initiation or others, by authorization of that Order, have any right to use that distinctive symbol. Nowhere in the history of symbolism can that *exact* cross, with all of its special symbolism, be found. It was the *Cross of the Golden Dawn.* Crowley got it from that Order, as above shown. But where and how did Lewis get it, and by what

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to lack of space. The explanation and a fuller statement of the facts are made herein in justice to the *Order of the Golden Dawn* and the remaining and former members of that noble order of White Magic, and if it was not, strictly speaking, an Order of the Rosy Cross, it was closely allied to the august fraternity and was of the White Brotherhood of Fraternities.

[1] Volume One, p. 334.

right and authority does he use it? He has never been a member of the Order of the Golden Dawn and thus far has claimed no "great honors" conferred upon him and exhibited no "charter" of authority from that Order. It is also evident that he does not know or understand the color symbolism of that cross, because, when he attempted to file it in Pennsylvania as a symbol of his family racket, he failed to describe the color symbolism of the Cross of the Golden Dawn.[2] It is also evident that he does not know or understand the symbolism of the *proportions* of the original completed Cross of the Golden Dawn, which are of exact proportions so that when folded it forms a perfect cube, which also is a part of its meaning and symbolism. Now note carefully the cross which Lewis has been using and which he attempted but failed to file in Pennsylvania as a symbol of his family racket.[3] In the cross used by Lewis the lower section of the cross has been extended or made longer, thereby destroying its symmetry and cubical symbolism; otherwise it is the same in every particular with the incomplete Cross of the Golden Dawn[4] as published and used by Crowley. Then, by what right, how and from whom did Lewis acquire the authority to use the Cross of the Golden Dawn or a deceptive imitation thereof as a symbol of his fraternal swindle?

The answer is obvious, very clear, indeed. He either took it and wrongfully appropriated it to his use or he acquired it in the incomplete form from Crowley and is using it, or a close and deceptive imitation thereof, with the consent of his *Secret Chief*, as a symbol of the Black Magic of his deceptive arts and the Crowley sex teachings of his fraternal racket, which in its last and final analysis is a Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle of huge and vicious proportions.

The Guardianship of Masonry

Using It as a Device to Promote a Fraud

In closing this chapter in which we have exposed a number of

[2] See affidavit of his son, *Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC,* pp. 112, 113; or Volume One, pp. 384, 385.

[3] Shown in our Reproduction No. 25, Brochure, p. 114, or Volume One, p. 386.

[4] Shown in our Reproduction No. 23, Brochure, p. 111, or Volume One, p. 383. Please carefully compare this symbol with the Lewis symbol shown in Reproduction No. 23.

the subterfuges, misrepresentations and fraudulent devices which have been and are being used by Lewis, especially his use of Masons and the misuse of Masonry, to promote his fraternal racket, there is another instance to which attention should be directed in which he has attempted to misrepresent the facts, to confuse the issue, to curry the favor of regular Masons by condemning one of their number as being clandestine and by asserting that he had expelled said Mason from his fraternal racket because he had understood that the aforesaid Mason had been connected with an alleged clandestine Masonic body—as if he, Lewis, had assumed the grave responsibility of keeping Masonry pure and protecting it against all clandestinism, whereas, *in truth,* he has offended against Masonry as much as, if not *more* than, any other in the United States of America or elsewhere for that matter.

On page 17 of his *White Book D* Lewis publishes as his "Exhibit No. 1," which purports to be the reproduction of a letter written under date of June 14, 1916 (*note* the date; it is *important*), by Andrew J. Provost, 33°, per J., to Mr. Alex Riedel, concerning which he says:

> "The above is a reproduction of a letter proving that Alfred H. Saunders was 'Commander-in-Chief' in 1915 and 1916 of a clandestine 'Scottish Rite' organization—NOT a 'Memphis-Mizraim' body, as Clymer and Saunders *now claim.* Freemasons will readily note the 'tricky' difference between the emblem of the 'Eagle' used on this stationery and the *genuine emblem* of the true, recognized 'A. A. S. R.' Note also that this clandestine body had its 'Grand Orient' (!) in New York City—not where the recognized Supreme Councils are located."

If there have been controversies between Masons as to which of certain rites are regular or clandestine, it is not our purpose to enter into those controversies. As heretofore stated,[5] we have not heretofore been in touch with Mr. Saunders; we have not conspired with him, as Lewis charges, to expose his fraternal frauds, and we do not here and now vouch for Mr. Saunders' Masonry, nor do we hold a brief for him. As to the controversies existing between Saunders and Lewis, the former appears to be more than able to

[5] Chapter One, pp. 44-45.

hold his own with Lewis and does not need our assistance. However, we are interested in declaring the truth, in keeping the record straight and in exposing the trickery and devices of Lewis, the fraternal racketeer.

Following his usual methods of confusion and willful misstatement of facts, Lewis says that a Masonic body with which Mr. Saunders is alleged to have been connected in 1915 and 1916 was clandestine and that it was not a "Memphis-Mizraim body, as Clymer and Saunders *now claim*." That is willful and "tricky" misrepresentation. WE HAVE NOT HERETOFORE MADE ANY CLAIMS CONCERNING THIS MATTER, NOR HAVE WE MADE ANY STATEMENT RELATING TO THE MASONRY OF MR. SAUNDERS. But since Lewis has raised this question and is deliberately attempting by misrepsentation to court the favor of Masons by confusing the issue and by condemning Mr. Saunders, thereby continuing to misuse Masons and Masonry as a *device* to promote his fraudulent fraternal enterprise, let us inquire into the facts.

Saunders and Lewis

Saunders Joins Lewis' Fabrication

In 1916 Saunders and his wife joined AMORC. Lewis was highly elated by reason thereof, and on page 16 of *The American Rosae Crucis* (then his official organ) published a full-page photograph of Saunders and on the following page announced his appointment as "Editor-in-Chief" and admission into his fabricated R. C. Order (quoted *verbatim*), as follows:

> "There is an old saying, 'We shall know the true and the good by their humility.'[6] And certainly we meet one good, kindly, humble soul in the person of Alfred H. Saunders, whose smiling countenance, strong facial characteristics and weird, magnetic eyes make one feel that he is a true mystic and loyal friend and Brother.
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> "Came to us this Brother of the world and humbly pleaded for admission into our Order with the deep, sincere wish that he might

[6] Humility being entirely foreign to Lewis' egotistical and bombastic nature, it is, indeed, strange that he recognized it in another.

serve in any capacity, not for glory, not for self, but for the good of the Order into which he had grown through many years of quiet research and study. And into our Order he was welcomed as an applicant at the Threshold. And because he was *made Prelate*[7] *and then Editor of this magazine,* we find pleasure introducing him to our readers.

"Alfred H. Saunders was born on December 23, 1866, in Stourbridge, England. He was educated under the Schools of the Church of England and at fourteen years of age entered the field of Art. But the *horoscope of Brother Saunders shows that he was destined to accomplish even greater things than rare skill in art*—art which shows a distinctive and unusual appreciation of the spiritual things of life. *His horoscope is one of a great leader in the realm of mysticism and philosophy.* He was destined to travel through many lands, visit many Temples of many cults and finally come *in touch with the Master Rosæcrucians in England, France, Egypt and India.* His early life was a period of preparation and initiation, and then he was to come to America, *as was commanded by his Master in Europe, and here take up the great work which is now under way.*" (Italics are ours.)

Will the reader and investigator kindly note that, after praising Mr. Saunders to the sky and claiming that he was an advanced Rosicrucian, he employs his usual device of using Masonry to promote his fraternal racket by setting out the Masonic connections of Saunders in this unusual manner:

"Brother Saunders was made a Master Mason on October 10, 1896, in the King Solomon Lodge, No. 2029, in London. In 1907 he became a 33rd degree Rosæcrucian[8] and in 1911 was given the 95th degree of the Ancient Primitive Rite of Memphis and Mizraim. He is also a member of the Royal Arch and a Past-Prelate of the Knights Templars.

"Brother Saunders is very reluctant to speak of his studies in the Rosæcrucian realms in Europe or of his advancement in the Rosæcrucian philosophies and science. With extreme humbleness and meekness he simply says: 'I am a student, a seeker for Light, and I

[7] There are no "Prelates" in the authentic Rosicrucian Order. That is a title and an office in certain Masonic degrees and bodies.

[8] This evidently refers to the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite of Masonry. There is *no 33rd* degree in the Rosicrucian Order. This is further evidence of his attempts to confuse Masonry with Rosicrucianism and to use Masonry to promote his fraudulent R. C. Order. It is another *Badge of Fraud.*

come to learn, not to teach.' *But because of his unusual preparation and advancement, his actual membership in the Rosæcrucian circles and the dictates of the Masters abroad,* our Imperator has admitted Brother Saunders to our Order, has conferred upon him the title of Magi and ordained him Prelate of the Order in America. (Our italics.)

"In assuming the editorship of the American Rosæ Crucis at the command of the Imperator, he states that only the highest principles for the benefit of humanity will find space in the columns. We ask the assistance of the brethren at home and abroad on behalf of Brother Saunders, and that they will uphold his ideals by articles bearing upon all occult subjects, especially those relating to Rosæcrucian philosophy.

"Likewise, our Imperator has admitted to the Grand Lodge the charming wife of Brother Saunders—Virginia Saunders, M.A., a daughter of the late Judge Okey Johnson, of the Supreme Court of West Virginia. Sister Saunders is a devoted worker in the Oriental languages and philosophies and comes to us with her hands, heart and soul ready to aid in the propagation of the Rosæcrucian lessons in the United States."

Lewis Excommunicates Saunders for Refusing Him a Vote of Confidence . . .

Certainly Lewis thought well of Mr. and Mrs. Saunders in the early days of their association with him and employed every available means to use them, their good names and high standing to promote his spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order. A short time later he fell out with them and expelled them from his spurious enterprise, and still later Mr. Saunders exposed Lewis and denounced his so-called R. C. Order as a fraudulent enterprise.

After Lewis issued his *White Book D*, in which he charges that Saunders was connected with clandestine Masonry, in which he intimates that he expelled him from his AMORC for that reason and charged us with conspiring with Saunders, we decided to check the facts and accordingly asked Mr. Saunders to tell us why Lewis had expelled him. He did not tell us his side of the story, but sent us the original and a photostat of a certified copy of the resolution

excommunicating himself and Mrs. Saunders. We returned the original and retained the photostat for our records. The certified minutes of the Supreme Council of AMORC contradict every statement made by Lewis in his *White Book D* with reference to the expulsion of Saunders and the reason therefor. They are as follows:

> "Meeting of the Ministraro[9] of the Supreme Council of the Supreme Lodge A. M. O. R. C. held at 70 West Eighty-seventh Street, New York City, at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening, May 18, 1916.
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> "The following resolution was offered:
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> "Resolved: That, in view of the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Saunders, at a recent meeting of the 3° held in the Temple, when the *Master called for a vote of confidence,* the said Mr. and Mrs. Saunders *declined to raise their hands as token of their allegiance to the A.M.O.R.C. and the Grand Master,* therefore, that the Grand Master be requested to excommunicate forthwith the said Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Saunders. (Italics are ours.)
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> "The motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

"Present: H. S. Lewis
J. C. Quinn
Estelle Small
Pearl L. C. Hogin
Thor Kiimalehto
Mrs. Duncan Little

"C. W. Wheelock,
"Secretary."

Therefore, it doth appear from the records of the AMORC that Lewis did not excommunicate Saunders because he was connected with clandestine Masonry, but because he refused Lewis a vote of confidence—because he refused to be a fawning sycophant and bow before "our Imperator" after he had discovered that he was a rank pretender.

On page 10 of his *White Book D*, which we have reproduced herein,[1] Lewis alleges that Saunders has a serious police record in

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[9] Correctly quoted, but we do not vouch for the correctness of the Latin spelling.

[1] In Chapter Three, p. 129, *supra.*

England in addition to having been the leader of an alleged clandestine Freemasonic body in New York. From our own recent independent investigation, we would say that these charges may be disregarded as a vindictive calumnious attack on Saunders because of his denunciation and exposure of Lewis' fraudulent R. C. Order; but his presumptuous assumption of the guardianship of Masonry —when he is the chief offender against Masonry—cannot be disregarded. It should be particularly noted that the letter which he offers as evidence to prove that Saunders was in some way connected with irregular Masonry in 1915 and 1916 is dated June 14, 1916, and almost a month subsequent to his excommunication of Saunders and wife because they refused a vote of confidence to a fraternal racketeer and his spurious fabrication. It is evident that Lewis' attack on Saunders' Masonic regularity was an afterthought and motivated by revenge and vindictiveness. It also appears from a reliable source that at the time Lewis made his vicious attack on Saunders' Masonry he was and still is a recognized Mason in good standing in New York, the jurisdiction wherein he resides. Therefore, it is another *Badge of Fraud* and the most recent attempt of Lewis to use Masonry as a *device* to promote his fraudulent Rosicrucian Order and fraternal racket.

Concerning the Reproductions
CHAPTER FOUR
PART FIVE

The following reproductions supporting the text become exceedingly interesting in many respects. We charged Lewis with being connected with Crowley and his Black Magic through the O. T. O. and that he is Lewis' *Secret Chief*. He denounced Crowley and his sex teachings and charged him with fabricating and running a spurious O. T. O. To prove (!) the same, he produced the *mutilated* parts of pages 16 and 17 shown in his "Exhibit No. 8" (Reproduction No. 54).

These reproductions should be studied carefully in connection with the text. They show that all of Lewis' statements concerning these matters were false; that Crowley has been a commanding, if not the commanding, figure in the O. T. O. since 1912; that it adopted his sex teachings; that he was the Grand Master or Secret Chief of the O. T. O. in the United States when Lewis received his honorary membership certificate in the O. T. O. from Theodor Reuss in 1921 (Reproduction No. 40); that Crowley succeeded Theodor Reuss as the Supreme Head in 1924. However, irrespective of Crowley's succession to the supreme commandership, he has been the head of the O. T. O. in the U. S. A. and all English-speaking countries since 1912, and that Lewis has at all times since then been under Crowley's jurisdiction; he has been and is now Lewis' *Chief*.

They show Lewis' desperation for proof and the baseness of his trickery in publishing *mutilated* documents (his Exhibit No. 8) to prove that the O. T. O. is a Rose Cross Order and that Crowley has no connection with it.

They show, with other reproductions herein, how he has used Masonic organizations, regular and clandestine, to promote his fraudulent R. C. racket.

They show that his denunciation of Crowley and his Black Magic sex teachings was a snare and a delusion; they show why he is fond of and is closely associated with international disreputable sexologists such as Marc Lanval and, moreover, they show that Lewis *actually* teaches Crowley's Black Magic of sex.

They show the true measure of this fraternal racketeer and the extent of his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 55

.I.N.R.I.

CONSTITUTION

of the

Ancient Order of Oriental Templars

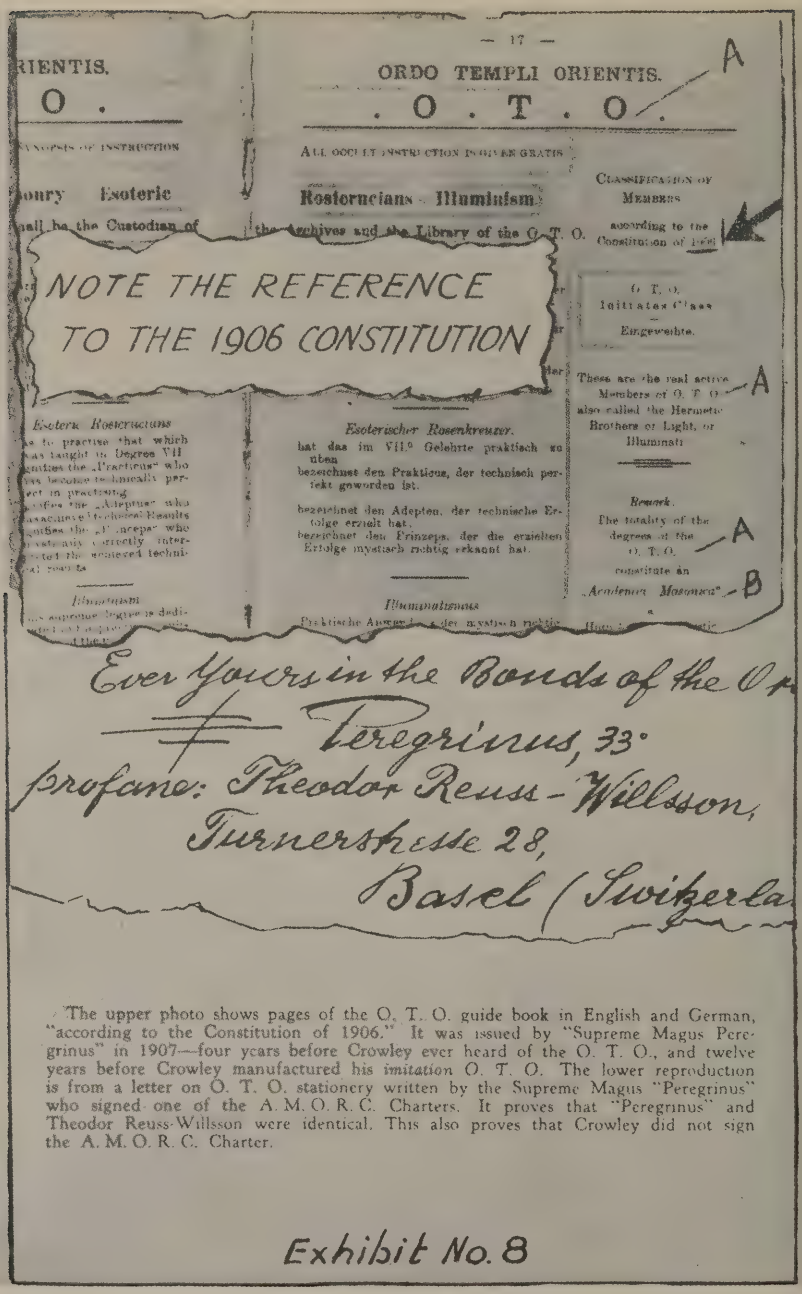
.O.T.O.

Ordo Templi Orientis.

With an Introduction
and a Synopsis of the Degrees
of the O. T. O.

This is the title page or cover of the *Book of the Constitution* of the O. T. O., with an Introduction and Synopsis of its degrees, first issued in 1906, and revised and reissued in 1917. (See p. 13, our Reproduction No. 55B.) We publish this and the following reproductions from the *Book of the Constitution* and the *Oriflamme,* an official organ of the O. T. O., to prove beyond a doubt that it is *not* a Rosicrucian Order, that Aleister Crowley has been closely connected with it since 1912; that it adopted his Black Magic-Sex teachings; that he is the Secret Chief today, and that Lewis, in using the O. T. O. and his honorary membership therein as a *device* to promote his fraternal swindle, has mutilated the records and willfully misrepresented the facts concerning all such matter.

The deliberate trickery and utter falsification of this fraternal racketeer to support a fraud, as shown by these reproductions in connection with the text, is appalling and astounding.

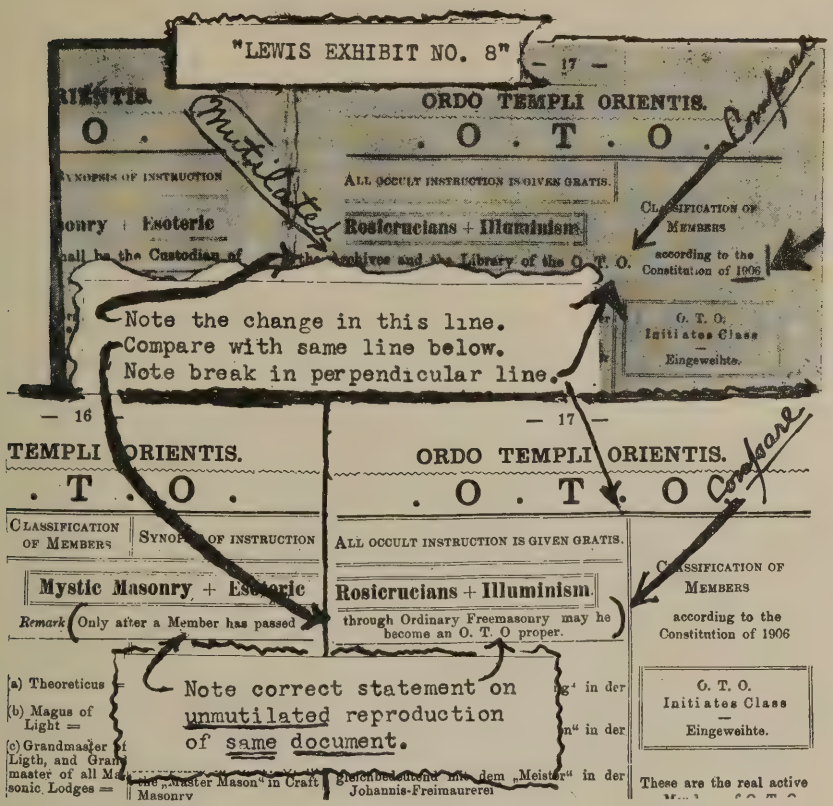


The upper photo shows pages of the O. T. O. guide book in English and German, "according to the Constitution of 1906." It was issued by "Supreme Magus Peregrinus" in 1907—four years before Crowley ever heard of the O. T. O., and twelve years before Crowley manufactured his *imitation* O. T. O. The lower reproduction is from a letter on O. T. O. stationery written by the Supreme Magus "Peregrinus" who signed one of the A. M. O. R. C. Charters. It proves that "Peregrinus" and Theodor Reuss-Willsson were identical. This also proves that Crowley did not sign the A. M. O. R. C. Charter.

Exhibit No. 8

Here Lewis offers *mutilated, manufactured* and *falsified* evidence to support his false claims. See text, also our Exhibit "N" on opposite page.

EXHIBIT "N"



Here we demonstrate another attempt of the Imperator of Fraternal Fraud to sustain his false claims by the *mutilation* and *falsification* of pages 16 and 17 of the *Book of the Constitution* of the O. T. O. (Shown in our Reproductions Nos. 55E and 55F). The upper and dark portion is part of Lewis' "Exhibit No. 8." The lower and light portion is a reproduction of parts of the same pages before Lewis *mutilated* and *falsified* them. To destroy the *proof* that the O. T. O. is a Masonic and not an R. C. organization, he mutilated and covered the statement reading: *"Only after a Member has passed through ordinary Freemasonry may he become an O. T. O. proper."* Note the double parallel line to the right of this statement on the lower and *unmutilated* part of our Exhibit. These lines were erased by Lewis—the erasure is very plain with a glass—on the same page 17 shown in his "Exhibit No. 8." He covered this with lines clipped from Article IX, Section I, of the Constitution of the O. T. O., reading: *"The O. H. O. shall be the custodian of the Archives and Library of the O. T. O."* Follow the arrows on our Exhibit "N" above. Make your own comparisons and satisfy yourself of the base handiwork and abject methods employed by this fraternal racketeer to promote and sustain his Masonic-Rosicrucian Swindle.

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

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in the judgement of that officer is against the welfare of the O. T. O.

Article XIV.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Cabinet to provide Bye-Laws for the O T. O., and its subordinate organizations.

Section 2. No Bye-laws shall become operative until approved by the O. H. O.

Article XV.

Section 1. There shall be a Literary and Masonic Association connected with the O. T. O., to be known as: The Esoteric Rosicrucians. All its official publications shall be issued with the hermetic cypher: — „I. N. R. I."

There are at present two official organs:

„The Oriflamme" and „The Equinox."

Section 2. There shall be a department of the O. T. O. for the purpose of teaching Hermetic Science, to be known as the „Hermetic Science College."

Section 3. There shall be a department of the O. T O. for the purpose of doing practical humanitarian work in specially appointed profess-houses, to be known as the „Homes of the O. T. O."

Article XVI.

Section 1. There exist 4 different seals which are used by the O. T. O. The respective symbolical meanings of these various seals will be made known to the members in the course of their studies. One of these seals is for the general use of the O. T. O.; and one, to be used exclusively by the O. H. O., is called the Secret Seal (S. S.).

Article XVII.

Section 1. The Constitution may be amended by a three-fourth vote of a Congress. But no amendment shall take effect and become law until approved by the O. H. O.

This is a *fac-simile* of page 12 of the Constitution of the O. T. O. (A) It shows that *"The Esoteric Rosicrucians"* is the name given to a LITERARY AND MASONIC ASSOCIATION connected with the O. T. O., and that it has naught to do with the Rosicrucian Fraternity. Indeed, this completely negates and nullifies the idea of the O. T. O. being in any way connected or affiliated with the Rose Cross Order.

(B) This proves that Crowley's organ, *The Equinox,* as well as the *Oriflamme,* were official organs of the O. T. O. This refutes Lewis' denial of Crowley's connection with the O. T. O., which will be shown by still more conclusive proof.

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In cases of emergency the O. H. O. has supreme power to amend the Constitution by „Edict" under his hand and seal, which is to be recorded in the Golden Book of the O. T. O.

Article XVIII.

Section 1. Initiates of at least ten years good standing may apply for a six months' free residence in one of the established Homes. Applications will be dealt with by rotation. The final decision for granting a free residence to any applicant rests with the O. H. O.

Article XIX.

This Constitution was first proclaimed, published and issued under the hand and seal of the O. H. O. in London (England) on January 22nd, A. D. 1906, Anno Ordinis 788, Anno V. L. 0,000,000,000.

This revised edition of the Constitution has been approved by me, and is now issued under my hand and seal this twenty second day of January A. D. 1917, Anno Ordinis 799, on Monte Verità, in the Republic of Ticino (Switzerland).

Merlin, 33.°, 96.°, X.°
Fra Superior and
Outer Head of the O. T. O.

† Argosinus, 33.°, 95.°, IX.°,
Quaestor.

† Parçevale, 33°., 95.°, IX.°
Cancellarius.

Profane address. Casella postale 16935, Lugano (Suisse)

. I . N . R . I .

This is a *fac-simile* of page 13 of the Constitution of the O. T. O.

(A) It was first proclaimed and published in January 22, 1906, in London, England.

(B) The revised edition was issued and published on January 22, 1917, in Switzerland—not in 1907, as misrepresented by Lewis.

(C) It was ordained and issued by *Merlin* (Theodor Reuss) as the Frater Superior and Outer Head of the O. T. O., and not by Theodor Reuss as the "Supreme Magus" of the Rosicrucian Order, whose name—*Peregrinus*—"appears on one of the Rosicrucian charters [?] granted to Imperator Lewis." Reuss, who used both names: *"Merlin"* and *"Peregrinus,"* although head of the O. T. O., was *not* the Supreme Magus of the Rosicrucians and he did *not* grant Lewis a charter. Those representations by Lewis are absolutely false and made with the willful intent to deceive.

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

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ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS.

. O . T . O .

Synopsis of Degrees		Classification of Members by Degrees
		Outer Circle.
I.°	Probationers	The correspondence with candidates.
II.°	Minervals (Synods)	Preliminary state of preparation of candidates. Candidates may be admitted by correspondence.
		Freemasonry.
		The following Masonic Degrees of the Uni- Accepted Scottish Rite of 33 degrees, of the and of the Egyptian Rite of Misraim of 90 Masons, and candidates are made Freemasons the O. T. O. by virtue of a Charter issued on ker 33.°, 90.°, 96.°, IX.°, at Manchester late So- Sanctuary for Great Britain and Ireland.
III.°	Craft Masonry	1.° Entered Apprentice (Johannis-Freimaurer-Lehrling).
	Johannis-Freimaurerei	2.° Companion (Johannis-Freimaurer-Geselle).
	Loge Bleu	3.° Master Mason (Johannis-Freimaurer-Meister).
	□	
IV.°	Scotch Masonry	4°-6° Scotch Mason (Schottischer Obermeister.)
	Schottische Andreas-Maurerei	11°-12°. St. Andrews Knight (Ritter v. Heiligen Gewölbe)
	Maçonnerie Verte	14°-15°. Royal Arch Mason (Prinz v. Jerusalem)
	△	
V.°	Rose Croix Chapter	16°-18°. Knights of Rose Croix (Ritter Rose Croix)
	Rote Kapitel-Maurerei	Knights of the Pelikan } Prinz Maurer v.
	Chevallerie Rose Croix	Knights of East & West } Schwarzen Adler
	+	
VI.°	Historical Templars	26°-30°. Knight Kadosh (Ritter Kadosch)
	Schwarze Templer-Maurerei	31°-33°. Grand Inspector General (Tempel-Ritter).
	Templier Commandeur T	NB! The 33.° is the last degree of „Freemasonry"

(Continued on following page.)

This and Reproduction No. 55D (shown on the opposite page) are *fac-simile* reproductions of pages 14 and 15 of the Book of the Constitution of the O. T. O., showing the Synopsis of Degrees, Classification of Members by Degrees, etc., of the O. T. O. Reading across both pages it appears that the O. T. O. was organized under a Masonic Charter from the Sovereign Sanctuary for Great Britain and Ireland of the Ancient Primitive Rites of Memphis and Mizraim by John Yarker on September 24, 1902. This is also shown to be true at page 20 of the *Oriflamme* (our Reproduction No. 57N). Thus it appears that the O. T. O. is an order based upon Masonic Rites and is in no sense a Rosicrucian Order, as Lewis falsely represents. See text, also notes under Reproduction No. 55D, opposite page.

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ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS.

. O . T . O .

SYNOPSIS OF COURSE OF INSTRUCTION	CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS according to the Constitution of 1906
Pronaos	
Theosophists. — Martinists.	O. T. O. Probationers Class Novizen
Franc-Maçonnerie.	
ted Grand Council of Rites, of the Ancient and Antient Primitive Rite of Memphis of 95 degrees degrees, are dispensed and confered on Master by the Directing Members (Fratres Superiores) of September 24th 1902, E. V. by Bro: John Yarvereign Grand Master General of the Sovereign	
The members of the Craft degrees (3 Johannisgrade) receive full instruction in Craft-Masonry, including the Katechismus of the first 3 degrees of Freemasonry and an explanation of all the various Masonic Systems.	O. T. O. Students-Class. Lay-Brothers Laienbrüder
The members of the Scottish Masonic degrees and of the Rose Croix Chapter receive full instruction in the scottish degrees of Antient and Accepted Masonry. The members of the Rose Croix Chapter receive by instalments the special lectures 1—10, called „The esoteric instruction", and introductory remarks on the Passing into Rosicrucianism and Hermetic Science.	*Remark:* The mere possession of these various Masonic degrees does not constitute a Member as an: „O. T. O." — properly so called — therefore even a 33.°-Mason is, from the O. T. O. point of view, still considered a „Lay-Brother."
The last degrees (30° - 33°.) of Masonry give a full history of the Templars and their ceremonies, including an exposé of „Political Freemasonry". Der 33.° ist der letzte Grad in der „Freimaurerei."	

(Fortsetzung auf nächster Seite.)

The reader will not fail to note that the 3rd to 7th degrees, inclusive, of the O. T. O., as shown on pp. 14 and 15, correspond to Craft Masonry (the 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees) and Scotch Masonry (the 4th to 33rd degrees, inclusive.) The Fifth Degree of the O. T. O. comprehends or corresponds to the Rose Croix Chapter or 18th degree of Scottish Rite Masonry, and that the Sixth Degree of the O. T. O. corresponds to the 20th to the 33d degree of the Scottish Masonry, including the Knights of Kadosh, etc. Therefore, it appears that the O. T. O. is not a part of the Rosicrucian Fraternity —no more so than Scottish Rite Masonry, which makes no claim to Rosicrucian affiliation.

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ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS.

. O . T . O .

Denomination of Degrees		Classification of Members	Synopsis of instruction
		Mystic Masonry + Esoteric	
		Remark: Only after a Member has passed	
VII.°	Mystic Templar (Violet)	(a) Theoreticus =	*Mystic Masonry* corresponds in O. T. O. to the „Entered Apprentice" in Craft Masonry
		(b) Magus of Light =	corresponds in O. T. O. to the „Companion" in Craft Masonry.
		(c) Grandmaster of Ligth, and Grand master of all Masonic Lodges =	corresponds in O. T. O. to the „Master Mason" in Craft Masonry
VIII.°	Oriental Templar (White)	(a) Practicus =	*Esoteric Rosicrucians* has to practise that which was taught in Degree VII.
		(b) Adeptus =	signifies the „Practicus" who has become technically perfect in practising
		(c) Princeps =	signifies the „Adeptus" who has achieved technical Results
		(d) Illuminatus =	signifies the „Princeps" who mystically correctly interpreted the achieved technical results
IX.°	Illuminatus Perfectus (Purple Red)	High Priest of the Sanctuarium Sanctum Sanctorum	*Illuminism* This supreme degree is dedicated to the practical application of the mystically correctly interpreted and recognised technical results.
X.°	Supr. Rex (Goldgelb)	O. H. O	**Administration and Spiritual Direction**

This and the reproduction on the opposite page are *fac-simile* reproductions of pages 16 and 17 of the Book of the Constitution of the O. T. O. These are complete and unmutilated. They are the same pages which Lewis tampered with and *mutilated* to make his lying falsified *"Exhibit No. 8,"* (our Reproduction No. 54). See our Exhibit "N" and the text. Pages 14, 15, 16 and 17 (Reproductions Nos. 55C, 55D, 55E and 55F) show the complete classification of the degrees of the O. T. O. and their corresponding Masonic degrees. From this official classification, it appears that the tenth and last degree, Supreme King, is held only by the O. H. O. and administrators of the O. T. O. Crowley is shown to be a tenth degree member. See *Oriflamme,* p. 31, our Reproduction No. 57V. See the text and the opposite page.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 55F

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ORDO TEMPLI ORIENTIS.

. O . T . O .

ALL OCCULT INSTRUCTION IS GIVEN GRATIS.

Rosicrucians + Illuminism.

through Ordinary Freemasonry may he become an O. T. O proper.

Mystische Maurerei.

gleichbedeutend mit dem „Lehrling" in der Johannis-Freimaurerei

gleichbedeutend mit dem „Gesellen" in der Johannis-Freimaurerei

gleichbedeutend mit dem „Meister" in der Johannis-Freimaurerei

Esoterischer Rosenkreuzer.

hat das im VII.° Gelehrte praktisch zu üben

bezeichnet den Prakticus, der technisch perfekt geworden ist.

bezeichnet den Adepten, der technische Erfolge erzielt hat.

bezeichnet den Prinzeps, der die erzielten Erfolge mystisch richtig erkannt hat.

Illuminatismus

Praktische Anwendung der mystisch richtig erkannten Erfolge.

Verwaltung und geistige Oberleitung des Ordens.

CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS

according to the Constitution of 1906

O. T. O.
Initiates Class
—
Eingeweihte.

These are the real active Members of O. T. O. also called the Hermetic Brothers of Light, or Illuminati

Remark:

The totality of the degrees of the O. T. O. constitute an *„Academia Masonica"* a High School of Mystic Masonry.

Exitus acta probat!

This and Reproduction No. 55E on the opposite page show the meaning of the term "Esoteric Rosicrucians," as used in the O. T. O. They also prove conclusively that the teachings of the O. T. O. are based upon Masonry and Masonic Rites—that: "The totality of the degrees of the O. T. O. constitute an *'Academia Masonica,'* a high school of Mystic Masonry." It was this proof which Lewis attempted to eliminate when he published *mutilated* and *altered* parts of these pages in his *"Exhibit No. 8."* See text. Such base trickery and mutilation of documents, which he offered as evidence to sustain his false representations is a *Badge of Fraud* which gives the true measure of his fraternal swindle.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 55G

. O . T . O .

MESSAGE FROM MASTER THIRION.

For our great comfort it is written in the Book of the Law:

„Love is the Law, Love under Will."

This is to be taken as meaning that while Will is the Law, the nature of that Will is Love. But this Love is as it were a by-product of that Will; it does not contradict or supersede that Will: and if apparent contradiction should arise in any crisis, it is the Will that will guide us aright. Love is easily counterfeited. Lo, while in the Book of the Law is much of Love, there is no word of Sentimentality. Hate itself is almost like Love! Fighting most certainly is Love! „As brothers fight ye! All the manly races of the world understand this. The Love of Liber Legis is always bold, virile, ecstatic, even orgiastic. There is delicacy, but it is the delicacy of strenght. Mighty and terrible and glorious at it is, however, it is but the pennon upon the sacred lance of Will, the damasceened inscription upon the swords of the Knight-monks of Thelima.

It is the apotheosis of Freedom; but it is also the strictest possible bond. It is that harmony of Legis Jugum and Libertas Evangelii which we once saw upon the little table above the Pastos of Our Father Christian Rosencreutz.

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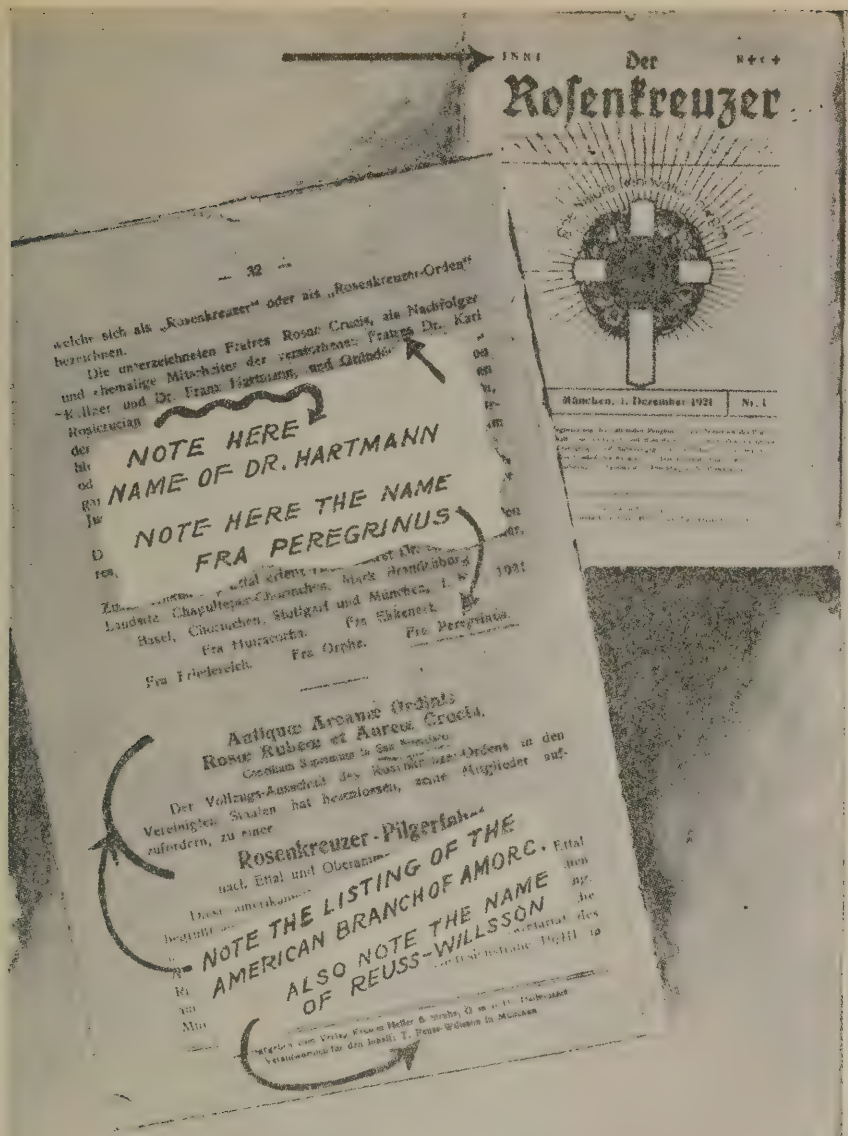
Address for Enquirers **Theodor Reuss**

This is a *fac-simile* reproduction of page 19, the last page of the Book of the Constitution of the O. T. O. Lewis, in strenuously denouncing Crowley as a notorious Black Magician, emphatically denies that he had any connection with the O. T. O., and charges him with fabricating and operating a spurious O. T. O. This, with other reproductions shown herein, prove that Crowley captured the O. T. O. in 1912 and dominated it thereafter; that it adopted his Black Magic sex doctrines, teachings and practices. Note that the "Message from Master Thirion" (Thirion is Crowley) is printed in the Book of the Constitution, over the name of Theodor Reuss, who greatly impaired his reputation and standing as an occultist because of his collaboration with Crowley in teaching the sex doctrines of the latter. Lewis knew all of this; he has this book, as shown by his *"Exhibit No. 8."* Therefore, his statements concerning these matters were deliberately and willfully made with malicious intent to deceive—it is another *Badge of Fraud.*



The above photos give proof that an R. C. magazine *was* published in Germany and Austria in recent years, and its owner and publisher was "T. Reuss-Willsson" (Peregrinus) the *Supreme Magus*. It also proves that Dr. Franz Hartmann was a "Frater" of the R. C. It also proves that AMORC of North America was duly recognized by the foreign branches.

Exhibit No. 10

This is another willful attempt to deceive with a mutilated, falsified exhibit. This is not an R. C., but an O. T. O. magazine. Note the letters I N R I, the symbol of the O. T. O. It deals only with members of the O. T. O. It does not show that Dr. Franz Hartmann was a Rosicrucian and it does not show Rosicrucian recognition of the Lewis family racket. See the text.

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JUBILÆUMS-AUSGABE

DER

ORIFLAMME

1912

This is a *fac-simile* reproduction of the cover of the *Oriflamme*, Jubilee or Anniversary issue, September, 1912, of an official organ of the O. T. O., to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the order. This entire magazine is reproduced herein immediately following this cover. This is an official copy, verified by one of the seals of the O. T. O. stamped on the upper right corner.

Br.·. Dr. Carl Kellner, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°. †
Aufgenommen in den Freimaurer-Orden in der
Loge „Humanitas", Or.. Neuhausl.
gestorben am 8. Juni 1905 in Wien.
gew. Erster Suveräner Ehren-General-Grossmeister
in Deutschland und Grossbritannien
des Ordens der Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und
Misraim-Ritus.
Dies Bild des geistigen Vaters unseres Ordens stammt aus d J 1895.

O·T·O

DR. CARL KELLNER, WHO CONCEIVED AND FOUNDED THE O. T. O. AS AN ACADEMY OF MASONRY

Page 2, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated, as follows: "Admitted in the Freemason Order of the Lodge 'Humanitas' in Neuhausl, died June 8, 1905, in Vienna, former First Sovereign Honorary Grand Master in Germany and Great Britain of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of Memphis and Mizraim Rites. This photograph of the Spiritual Father of our Order dates back to the year 1895 O. T. O."

Note that Dr. Kellner as the founder and Spiritual Father was one of the X° members, Reuss and Crowley being the other two, as we shall see.

Br.·. Dr. Franz Hartmann, 33°, 90°, 95°, IX°. †
Aufgenommen in den Freimaurer-Orden in der
Loge „Washington", No. 12, Or.·. Georgetown, U. S. A.,
gestorben am 7. August 1912 in Kempten,
gew. Erster General-Gross-Administrator des Ordens der
Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus
in Deutschland.
Ehren-Grossmeister des (33°) Grossorient von Deutschland.
Mitbegründer unseres Ordens
O·T·O

DR. FRANZ HARTMANN, THE EMINENT AUTHOR, THEOSOPHIST, MASON AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE O. T. O.

Page 4, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated as follows: "Admitted to the Freemason Order in the Washington Lodge, No. 12, in Georgetown, U. S. A., died on August 7, 1912, in Kempten, former General Grand Administrator of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany. Honorary Grandmaster of the (33°) Grand Orient of Germany, Co-founder of our Order O. T. O."

Br.·. Heinrich Klein, 33°, 90°, 95°, IX°.
Ehemals Mitglied der Johannis-Freimaurerloge
„Der Pilger", No 238, Or.·. London.
General-Gross-Registrar des Ordens der
Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus
in Deutschland.
Mitbegründer unseres Ordens
O·T·O

MR. HEINRICH KLEIN, A MEMPHIS-MIZRAIM MASON AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE O. T. O.

Page 6, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated as follows: "Former member of the Johannis Freemason Lodge, 'The Pilgrims,' No. 238 in London, General Grand Recorder (or Secretary) of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany, co-founder of our Order O. T. O." The founder and the co-founders of the O. T. O. were all Masons of the Order of MEMPHIS-MIZRAIM.

Br.·. Theodor Reuß, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°.
Aufgenommen in den Freimaurer-Orden in der
Loge „Der Pilger", No. 238, Or.·. London.
Mitglied der Johannis-Loge „Humanidad", No. 240, Or.·. Paris,
Hon. 33° in Amerika, Spanien, Rumanien, Griechenland,
Italien etc.
Suveräner General-Grossmeister ad vitam des Ordens der
Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus
in Deutschland.
(Dieses Bild unseres Ordensmeisters ist aus dem Jahre 1895.)

O·T·O

MR. THEODOR REUSS, CO-FOUNDER AND FIRST SECRET CHIEF OR O. H. O. OF THE O. T. O.

Page 8, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated as follows: "Admitted in the Freemason Order in the 'Pilgrim' Lodge, No. 238, in London. Member of the Johannis Lodge, 'Humanidad,' No. 240, in Paris, Honorary 33° in America, Spain, Rumania, Greece, Italy, etc. Sovereign General Grand Master, *ad vitam,* of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany. (This photograph of the Master of our Order was taken in the year 1895.)" Mr. Reuss died in 1924.

Translation of Reproductions

Following a headline giving our Reproduction number and the page of the *Oriflamme* so reproduced is a free translation of the text appearing in German in the reproduction and on the page so designated. The translation of the German connects with the English text shown only in the reproduction, as follows:

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No. VII Berlin and London, 1912 September

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE ORDER OF THE ORIENTAL TEMPLARS AND THE SOVEREIGN SANCTUARY OF THE OLD FREEMASONS IN GERMANY

O. T. O.

MONITA

"Oh, disciple!
Who seeks it, will suffer;
Who finds it, conceal it;
Who uses it, let no one know.
He who is a true philosopher
Shall remain unknown.
Trust no one but God;
He alone keeps his word.
Choose the friend of your spirit;
Be friendly towards all,
But have faith in no one.
Go only with God,
If you do not want to be deceived.
Experdo crede!
For faithfulness has fled from Earth toward Heaven;
Has deserted all those whose Spirit
Is held fast to the Earth!
Exitus acta probat!"

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The upper half of page 12 is in English. The lower half in German, translated as follows:

"Our Order.

"Our late Most Worshipful Grand Master and Brother, Dr. Franz Hartmann, 33°, 90°, 96°, IX°, wrote in the *Oriflamme,* second year, issue No. 2:

" 'The Order of the Ancient Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites, which was founded by the Masters of Wisdom and whose branches extend over the entire world, has now also become active in Germany. Whether it will be successful or not depends on its members, and there is no doubt that the best and ablest persons in Germany will join this fraternal Order as soon as they realize its origin and purpose. This Order is still in its infancy here and not all who have joined it are able to cope with its problems.

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" 'The primary condition of membership is not extensive familiarity with books, but a heart anxious to promote the welfare of humanity and which is capable of experiencing love, namely, of realizing the unity of God in all creatures.

" 'The Order has already accomplished great things, as it has created a literature with the purpose of making known a higher conception of life than the material one hitherto prevalent.

" 'Inasmuch as the Order as such has no dogma, with the exception of the brotherhood of man, it does not afford its enemies any point of attack. Nor will any opposition prevent the Order from proceeding calmly and surely on its way. The "Light of the East," despite all fog, will emerge victorious!'

"Almost ten years have passed since these words of our late Brother, the Co-Founder of our Sovereign Sanctuary in Germany, appeared in print, and, therefore, this (Jubilee) Anniversary number of the *Oriflamme*, which appears under the mystic sign: I. N. R. I., is the most fitting medium to show to what extent the words of our late Brother have been fulfilled.

"At first our Order, by taking in and merging with existing organizations, grew until it comprised about 1000 members. But this growth in numbers was accompanied by increasing internal strife, because, as Brother Hartmann wrote as far back as 1902, not all who had joined our Order were capable of coping with its problems. As early as 1904 the first secession occurred in Berlin. In December, 1905, the Hamburg Order joined the so-called recognized Grand Lodge there. In 1910 the so-called Eberhart Lodges again withdrew from our Order and were affiliated by admitting

their members as 'new members' with the so-called recognized German Grand Lodges.

"But these mistakes and defections of the early years had the very good result that finally our Order was freed of all dissension, so

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that today our Order consists, it is true, of only 500 members in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, but these are permeated by the true purpose of its existence and no longer flirt with the 'recognized' [Masonic] Lodges in order to receive an invitation to visit them.

"But against this reduced number of membership in Germany we have the great good, the final effects of which cannot be estimated, of the increasing influence of the Sovereign Sanctuary for the German Reich and the Oriental Templar Order in non-German countries which were not organically connected with it.

"In the year 1908 French brothers requested a patent from the Master of our Order, whereupon there was founded by our Order, under date of June 24, 1908, the

THE SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL GENERAL

des rites units de la Maconnerie Ancienne et Primitive Grand Orient pour la France et ses dependances in Paris. (A General Supreme Grand Council of the United Rites of the Ancient and Primitive Masonry for the Grand Orient of France and its Dependencies.)

"The extension of the influence of our Order to the Slav countries of Europe is, however, of special importance.

"By charter of June 1, 1912, there was founded by our Order a

National Grossloge des Orientalischen
Templer-Ordens fur die slavishen Lander
(National Grand Lodge of the Oriental
Templar Order for the Slavonic countries)

and the foundation on the same date of a

National Grossloge
des orientalischen Templer-Ordens fur
Grossbritannien und Irland
(National Grand Lodge of the Oriental
Templar Order for Great Britain and
Ireland)

by our Order, which does not lack a certain piquancy (*spicy taste*

that whets interest) for all those familiar with the situation.

"Especially this recent establishment of our Order and the resultant extension of the influence of the special principles of the Order of the O. T. O. to English-speaking territory makes it appear advisable to describe in further detail the

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development of our Order since its first public appearance in Germany.

"The Spiritual Father of the newly organized Oriental Templar Order was the late Sovereign Honorary Grand Master in Germany and Great Britain, Brother.·.Dr. Carl Kellner, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°. During his many and extensive trips in Europe, America and Asia Minor, Brother.·.Kellner came in contact with an organization which bore the name 'The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light.' The stimulation which he received through his contact with this organization, in conjunction with other circumstances, which shall not be described further here, created the desire in Brother.·.Kellner to found an *'Academia Massonica'* [an Academy of Masonry] which would enable all brothers so desiring to become acquainted with all existing Masonic degrees and systems. In the year 1895 Brother.·.Kellner had long conversations with Brother.·.Reuss in Berlin as to how his idea could be realized. In the course of the conferences with Brother.·.Reuss, Brother.·.Kellner dropped the title, first suggested, of *Academia Massonica* and submitted reasons and data why the name 'Orientalische Templer' (Oriental Templars) should be adopted. These negotiations did not lead to any positive results at the time (1895), as Brother.·.Reuss was still busy with the Illuminati Order, to which he had given a new stimulus, and as this organization, together with the persons who, except Brother.·.Reuss, were at the head of same, were not approved by Brother.·.Kellner.

"When, then, in June, 1902, the final separation occurred between Brother.·.Reuss and his disciple, Leopold E., Brother.·.Kellner immediately communicated with Brother.·.Reuss and caused steps to be taken for the acquisition of a Charter admitting the Memphis and Mizraim Rites of Freemasonry in Germany for the reason that Brother.·.Kellner considered these rites, with their 95 and 90 degrees respectively, as the most suitable ones to realize his idea with regard to the founding of a *'Masonic Academy.'* The Rosicrucian

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esoteric teachings of the *Hermetic Brotherhood of Light* were reserved for the few initiated into the Occult of the Internal Circle. The various steps of this Internal Circle of Initiated runs parallel to the highest degrees of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites, and these 'Initiates' constitute the secret branch of the Oriental Templar Order.

"No one can be an Initiate of the O. T. O. who has not first received the three Johannis [Craft] Degrees of Freemasonry. (Our italics.)

"The O. T. O. admits men and women and confers upon both sexes all the degrees of Freemasonry without any distinction. [Editor's Note: This is Co-Masonry.]

"Brother.·.Dr. Franz Hartmann declares with regard to our Order in his 'First Instructions' (English edition for seekers): See English text on pages 16, 17, 18. (Our Reproductions Nos. 57J, 57K and 57L).

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Following the English text, the German, translated, reads:

"And Brothers.·.Dr. Carl Kellner and Theodor Reuss, in the manifesto published in the historical issue of the *Oriflamme,* A.D. 1904, and signed by them jointly, wrote:

" 'One of the secrets which our Order possesses to its highest degree consists in the fact that it supplies the properly prepared Brother with the PRACTICAL means to erect the true Temple of Solomon in Man and to find again the "lost word": namely, that our Order supplies to the initiated and chosen Brother the practical means to obtain proof of his immortality even during his earthly existence.

" 'But these practical means are no "witches' incantations" or other "spiritualistic practices," but concern themselves only with the inner voice and the inner senses of the applicant and rigidly exclude and condemn all spiritualistic practices.

" 'This secret is one of the true secrets of .·. *Masonry* and exclusively the Secret of the Occult High Degree of our Order. It has come down to our Order by word of mouth from the fathers of all

true *Freemasonry,* the "Wise Men of the East," and we also shall transmit it only by word of mouth. Obviously, however, the success of the practical instructions to obtain this secret again depends on the applicant himself.

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" 'Those Brothers who found this secret treasured it as a cherished, self-acquired possession and, in order not to be misunderstood or ridiculed by the everyday person, they revealed it by means of symbols, as we still do today.'

"Perhaps it is also proper to call attention here to what Fra.·. Merlin [Theodor Reuss] described in the *Oriflamme* (1910 edition) as the aims and teachings of our Order.

" 'We seek towards a knowledge of the Creator of all worlds and towards the CONSCIOUS *Union* with Him.

" 'We teach that the first requisite to find the Creator of All Worlds is to know ourselves actually and truly.

" 'This actual knowledge of ourselves is the cornerstone of the esoteric Temple in the human breast. After this first step has been climbed, the neophyte can start on his pilgrimage. But this must be done in ironclad silence. The way is dark, but from far away the Holy Grail lights the path of the earnestly seeking pilgrim with its blood-red fiery light of perfect, unselfish brotherly love. The pilgrim must go through many tests victorious, but the steadfast seeker is urged forward by the confraternity of Templars, the Esoteric Templar and the Rose Croix Templar, for whom the "Light of the East" in its greatest purity eternally lights the way.'

"Fra.·.Merlin [Theodor Reuss] then adds: 'But as this is a purely esoteric goal and might turn the pilgrims completely away from this world, were our Order not sufficiently courageous to realize the practical consequences of our teachings for everyday life and as our Order has entered public life precisely to influence the life of men, the first aim of our Order in the esoteric-practical realization of our teachings is that in future the "Mother" is to be honored as "High Priestess" in her family.'

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" 'Every pregnant woman is a "Saint" in our eyes,' says Fra.·. Merlin. 'She is the symbol of human procreation from the Godly power of creation.'

"The Mother, as High Priestess, shall be the 'Keeper of the Holy Fire,' the disseminator of the Mystical Blessing!

"Our Order hopes to influence the life of our people in such a manner that 'Motherhood' again becomes the highest goal of Woman.

"In this way our Order proves that it does not merely follow abstract goals, but that it is capable of intervening energetically in the everyday life of our people whenever it is urgently necessary that they be educated to a correct understanding and interpretation of the duties of a nation with regard to its own future, particularly during the present era.

"It was a direct result of this practical side of the activity of our Order that English Freemason Brothers approached the Master of our Order with the request to found a National Grand Lodge of our Order in Great Britain, for particularly England, with its extreme 'mother negating woman's movement' (Suffragettes), is most in need of such training for motherhood. Thus it came about that in the year 1902 we, who had obtained a Charter by purchase in England in the year 1902, so that we would be able to use the degrees of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany, granted our English Brothers a Charter without charge in the year 1912, in order to introduce the occult degrees of the Oriental Templar Order in England.

"If we now refer to the prophetic words of our Brother.·.Dr. Franz Hartmann mentioned at the beginning hereof, we are able to declare with great gratification, A.D. 1912, that Brother.·.Hartmann's words have been realized fully and entirely.

" 'No opposition has prevented the Order from proceeding calmly and surely on its way: "The Light of the East," despite all fog, has emerged victorious!'

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"Concluding this, our Anniversary Survey, we again submit briefly:

"Our Order is not a Freemason Order pure and simple, but each

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member of our Order, whether man or woman, for our Order is open to both sexes in the same degree, must pass through all the degrees of the Johannis Freemasons and also the High Masonic Degrees before he or she can become an Illuminated and Initiated member of our Order

"Our Order possesses the KEY which opens up all Masonic.·. and Hermetic secrets, namely, the teaching of *sexual magic*, and this teaching explains, without exception, all the secrets of Nature,

all the *symbolism of* FREEMASONRY and all systems of religion.

"May our Order continue victorious as in the past.

"The Master of the Order."

MYSTERIA MYSTICA MAXIMA

"At the conclusion of the foregoing article it was stated that the key opening up the secret which underlies all *Freemasonic symbols* was the teaching of *sexual magic*.

"Now, although this teaching of *sexual magic* is the secret of the O. T. O. and is not suitable for publication in a pamphlet which reaches wide circles, nevertheless the Management of the Order has decided to lift a very small tip of the veil which conceals our secret in this Anniversary (Jubilee) Number of the *Oriflamme* to enlighten earnest seekers.

"We need not apologize to the public for daring to touch openly on this delicate question here, for there is not the slightest doubt that the sexual question is the burning question of our times. It is not necessary for us to submit proof of this, for every daily newspaper contains the same amply.

"As introduction to our short 'Revelation,' let us quote the words of Przbyszewski, a great and serious research worker in this field, who said:

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" 'To the same extent that I would have been able to have prevented in the Middle Ages the existence of the Soul being detected in realms of religious life can I now change or alter the fixed fact that nowadays the Soul reveals itself only in the intercourse or relationship of the two sexes to each other. The Soul must be reproached for this, not I.'

"We say in our manifesto that we supply the properly prepared Brother with the *practical* means to obtain proof of his immortality even during his earthly existence.

"Well, one of these means is a certain Yoga exercise.

"Brother. . Kellner declares in his paper on Yoga:

" 'Yoga is a very old teaching which has been kept secret for a long time—at least, it is not very well known—which, by certain exercises, makes it possible for their youth to create the phenomena of artificial somnambulism at will.

" 'Depending on the method used to acquire Yoga, a distinction

is made among the various kinds of Yoga, and the nerve centers (nadis) and ten different kinds of breathing (Vayus) play an important part in this connection.

" 'The old Indian physiological designations for the ten Vayus (breathing) are: Prana (in the heart); Apana (in the region of the anus); Samana (in the region of the navel); Udana (in the larynx); Vyana (in the entire body); Napa (in the reproductive organ); Kurma (opens the eyes); Krikara (causes sneezing); Devadatta (causes yawning); Dhananjaya (penetrates the external, coarse body).

" 'Now, sexual magic is concerned with the Vayus Napa (in the reproductive organs), mentioned sixth.

" 'This exercise is called "The Transmutation of the Reproductive Energy."

" 'This exercise of the transmutation of the reproductive energy is not done for the purpose of sexual excesses, but in order to strengthen the eternal God Power on the earthly plane requiring sexually strong, perfect persons, both of male and female sex.

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" 'The reproductive energy is a process of creation. It is a Godly act!

" 'In the reproductive organ (male and female) there is concentrated in the smallest space the greatest vital force.

" 'During the rather complicated exercise the performer of the exercise must concentrate all his thoughts on withdrawing and lifting the reproductive energy from the organ into the solar plexus, where he "wills" that it be stored for transmutation purposes. This is connected with precisely controlled breathing. The act of the transmutation of energy is connected with this, and finally the great "merging" or reunion occurs and the performer becomes the seer while remaining fully conscious and experiences what he sees.

" 'This is white sexual magic!' "

NEWS OF THE ORDER

"Upon the suggestion of Brother.·.M. McB. Thomson, 33°, 90°, 96°, our Order has entered into friendly relations with the American Masonic Federation and has appointed the following brothers as friendly representatives at the Supreme Lodge of the American Masonic Federation.

"Brother.·.M. McB. Thomson, 33°, 90°, 96°, as General Grand Representative; Brother.·.Robert E. England, 33°, 90°, 95°, as appointed General Grand Representative; further, Brother.·.Franz Blust, 33°, 90°, 95°, as Grand Representative with the Grand Lodge of California, and Brother.·.Herman Muller, 32°, 86°, 90°, as appointed Grand Deputy to the Representative there.

"According to the desire and request of the Ill.·.Brother.·.John Yarker, 33°, 90°, 97°, Sovereign General Grand Master, *ad vitam,* of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Great Britain and Ireland, the Master of our Order has made the business manager of the Co-Masonry Lodges established by Mrs. Annie Besant, 33°, 90°, 96°, in England, namely, to Brother.·.J. J. Wedgwood, of London, an honorary Master Freemason and attached him to the Lodge of the 'Holy Grail' in Munich as honorary member."

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"From the report of the Treasurer of the Order, Fra Argosinus, it appears that our Order (O. T. O.) possessed marks 30,400 on September 30th, this year, invested in 4 per cent interest-bearing government papers. Therefore, also from a purely material point of view, our Order has fulfilled the prophetic words of our late Brother.·.Dr. Franz Hartmann."

LITERATURE

"I. N. R. I.—Under this title there appear the publications of the Order of the Oriental Templars. The publisher is Theodor Reuss, 4 Duke Street, Adelphi, London.

"ORIFLAMME—Official organ of the Grand Orient of Germany. The publisher is Dr. Carl Lauer, Schulstrasse 30, Ludwigshafen a. Rhein.

"THE EQUINOX—Official organ of the O. T. O. in England. The publisher is Aleister Crowley, 3 Great James Street, Bedford Row, London, W. C. Every volume costs shillings 10/6.

"L'INITIATION—Official organ of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites and the O. T. O. in France. The publisher is Dr. Papus, 15 Rue Seguier, Paris. Price: 12 francs per year.

"THE UNIVERSAL FREEMASON—Official organ of the American Masonic Federation. The publisher is M. McB. Thomson, 585 Main Street, Evanston, Wyo., U. S. A." [Thomson was convicted of Masonic fraud. See Part One of this chapter, *supra.*]

BASE DECEIT AND BLACK SEX-MAGIC

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MONITA.

O, Schüler!
Wer es suchet, der leide,
Wer es find', der schweige,
Wer es hat, der verberge es,
Wer es brauchet, tu' es unbekannt.
Wer ein wahrer Philosoph ist,
Der bleibe ungenannt.
Traue niemand als Gott,
Der allein hält sein Wort.
Deines Gemütes Freund erwählen sollst,
Sei mit jedermann freundlich,
Traue aber niemand.
Sei niemand geheim als Gott,
Willst du nicht betrogen sein!

Experdo crede!

Denn Treue ist von der Erde gen Himmel
Geflohen, hat alle Menschen verlassen, deren
Gemüt an der Erde klebet!

Exitus acta probat!

This is a *fac-simile* of the title page (11) of the *Oriflamme*. Page 10, opposite, is blank. It is the Jubilee issue, September, 1912, of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the O. T. O. in 1902, under a Masonic Charter of the Order of Memphis-Mizraim.

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CHARGE.

TO CANDIDATES.

To the earnest Disciple his Teacher takes the place of Father and Mother, says the Book of Discipline in the Schools of „Dzyân". For whereas they gave him his body and its faculties, its life and casual form, the Teacher shows him how to develop the inner faculties for the acquisition of the Eternal Wisdom.

To the Disciple each Fellow-Disciple becomes a Brother and Sister, a portion of himself, for his interests and aspirations are theirs, his welfare interwoven with theirs, his progress helped or hindered by their intelligence and behaviour through the intimacy brought about by their co-discipleship.

As the limbs defend the head and heart of the body they belong to, so have the Disciples to defend the head and the heart of the body they belong to, in this case the O T. O., from injury.

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UNSER ORDEN.

Unser verstorbener Ehren-Großmeister Br. Dr. Franz Hartmann, 33°, 90°, 96°, IX° schrieb in der „Oriflamme", Jahrgang II, No. 2.

„Der von den Meistern der Weisheit ins Dasein gerufene Orden der Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus, dessen Zweige sich über die ganze Welt verbreiten, hat nun auch in Deutschland seine Tätigkeit begonnen. Ob nun diese Tätigkeit einen Erfolg haben wird, das wird von der Tüchtigkeit seiner Mitglieder abhängen, und es ist kein Zweifel, daß die besten Kräfte Deutschlands dieser Verbrüderung beitreten werden, sobald sie nur den Ursprung und den Zweck derselben erkennen. Noch ist der Orden hier in seiner Kindheit, und nicht alle, die sich ihm angeschlossen haben, sind seiner Aufgabe gewachsen.

This is a *fac-simile* of page 12 of the *Oriflamme*. The quoted statement of Dr. Franz Hartmann shows that the O. T. O. is founded upon the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim. That it was originally a Masonic Order, or closely allied thereto. See translation, also the text.

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Erste Bedingung zur Aufnahme ist nicht eine große Belesenheit, sondern ein zur Förderung des Wohles der Menschheit geneigtes Herz, welches fähig ist, die LIEBE, das heißt, das (zur Tat gewordene) Bewußtsein der Einheit Gottes in allen Geschöpfen, zu empfinden.

Der Orden hat bereits Großes geleistet, indem er eine Literatur ins Leben rief, welche den Zweck hat, eine höhere Lebensanschauung als die bisherige materielle, zu verbreiten.

Da der Orden als solcher, mit Ausnahme der allgemeinen Menschenverbrüderung, keinerlei Dogma hat, so bietet er auch seinen Feinden keinerlei Angriffspunkte dar. Alle Angriffe werden aber den Orden nicht hindern, sicher und ruhig seinen Weg zu gehen; das „Licht vom Osten“ wird, trotz aller Nebel, siegreich bleiben!“

Fast 10 Jahre sind vergangen, seit jene Worte unseres verstorbenen Bruders, dem Mitbegründer unseres Suveränen Sanktuarium in Deutschland, im Druck erschienen sind, und es ist daher diese Jubiläums-Nummer der „Oriflamme“, die unter dem mystischen Zeichen: **I. N. R. I.** erscheint, der geeignetste Platz, um nachzuprüfen, inwieweit sich die Worte unseres verstorbenen Mitbruders erfüllt haben.

Zunächst wuchs Unser Orden durch Aufnahmen und Angliederung bestehender Organisationen, bis er die stattliche Zahl von ungefähr 1 000 Mitglieder erreichte. Dieses numerische Wachsen ging aber Hand in Hand mit wachsenden inneren Zänkereien und Streitigkeiten, weil eben, wie Br. Hartmann schon 1902 geschrieben hatte, nicht alle, die sich Unserm Orden anschlossen, dessen Aufgaben gewachsen waren. Schon 1904 kam es in Berlin zur ersten Sezession. Im Dezember 1905 gingen die Hamburger zur sogenannten anerkannten Großloge dortselbst über. Und 1910 traten die sogenannten Eberhart-Logen aus Unserem Orden wieder aus, und wurden, durch „Neu-Aufnahme“ der Mitglieder, verschiedenen, sogenannten anerkannten deutschen Großlogen angegliedert.

Diese Irrungen und Wirrungen der ersten Jahre haben aber das große Gute gezeitigt, daß endlich eine definitive Klärung in Unserm Orden eintrat, so daß heute

This is a *fac-simile* of page 13 of the *Oriflamme*. Literature appearing under the mystic sign I. N. R. I. identifies it as being officially O. T. O. Therefore, the magazine shown in Lewis' "Exhibit No. 10," our Reproduction No. 56, is an official O. T. O. publication. See translation of this page.

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Unser Orden zwar nur mehr zirka 500 Mitglieder in Deutschland, Oestreich und der Schweiz zählt, diese aber vom wahren Zweck Unseres Ordens durchdrungen sind, und nicht mit einem Auge nach den „Anerkannten" Logen, um Verkehr und Zulassung als Besuchende, schielen.

Dieser Einbuße an Zahl der Mitglieder in Deutschland steht aber als, in seiner End-Wirkung noch gar nicht abzuschätzender, Gewinn gegenüber, Zuwachs an Einfluß des Souveränen Sanktuarium für das Deutsche Reich und des mit ihm organisch verbundenen Orientalischen Templer-Ordens in außerdeutschen Ländern.

Im Jahre 1908 erbaten sich französische Brüder einen Freibrief von Unserem Ordensmeister, worauf von Unserm Orden, *sub datum* 24. Juni 1908, der

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GRAND ORIENT POUR LA FRANCE ET SES DÉPENDANCES
A PARIS.

gestiftet wurde.

Von ganz besonderer Wichtigkeit ist jedoch die Ausdehnung des Einflusses Unseres Ordens auf die slavischen Länder Europas.

Durch Stiftungs-Urkunde vom 1. Juni 1912 wurde von Unserem Orden eine

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gegründet.

Und die, unter gleichem Datum erfolgte, Gründung einer

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durch Unseren Orden entbehrt nicht eines pikanten Beigeschmackes für alle, die mit den einschlägigen Verhältnissen vertraut sind.

Gerade diese jüngste Gründung Unseres Ordens, und die damit verbundene Ausdehnung des Einflusses der besonderen Ordenslehren des O. T. O. auf englisches Gebiet, läßt es angezeigt erscheinen, auf die Entwick-

This is a *fac-simile* of page 14 of the *Oriflamme*. It shows the granting of an O. T. O. charter to Aleister Crowley, covering all English-speaking countries, in 1912, including the U. S. A. (See translation of this and page 15.) It proves that Crowley has been Lewis' *Secret Chief* at all times since Lewis' affiliation with the O. T. O. And Lewis teaches the Black Magic of his *Secret Chief* (see our Reproduction No. 59), which the O. T. O. and Theodor Reuss adopted and began teaching in 1912. See text.

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lung, die Unser Orden seit seinem ersten öffentlichen Erscheinen in Deutschland genommen hat, etwas näher hier einzugehen.

Der geistige Vater des neuorganisierten Orientalischen Templer-Ordens war der verstorbene Suveräne-Ehren-General-Großmeister in Deutschland und Großbritannien, Br.·. Dr. Carl Kellner, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°. Auf seinen vielen und weiten Reisen in Europa, Amerika und Klein-Asien war Br.·. Kellner in Berührung gekommen mit einer Organisation, welche den Namen führte „The Hermetic Brotherhood of Light". Die Anregungen, die er durch seine Berührung mit dieser Organisation empfangen hatte, verbunden mit anderen, hier nicht weiter zu detaillierenden Umständen, gebaren in Br.·. Kellner den Wunsch, eine Art „Academia Massonica" zu gründen, welche suchenden Brüdern die Bekanntschaft mit allen existierenden Maurer .·. Graden und Systemen ermöglichen sollte. Im Jahre 1895 hatte Br.·. Kellner lange Unterredungen mit Br.·. Reuß in Berlin, wie diese seine Idee verwirklicht werden könnte. Im Verlaufe der Unterhandlungen mit Br.·. Reuß ließ Br.·. Kellner den zuerst vorgeschlagenen Titel „Academia Massonica" fallen, und legte Gründe und Unterlagen vor für Annahme der Bezeichnung „Orientalische Templer". Diese Verhandlungen führten damals, 1895 zu keinem positiven Resultate, da Br.·. Reuß zu jenem Zeitpunkte noch mit dem von ihm re-aktivierten Illuminaten-Orden beschäftigt war, und diese Organisation, sowie die darin neben Br.·. Reuß an leitender Stelle tätigen Personen, dem Br.·. Kellner nicht sympathisch waren.

Als dann Juni 1902 die endgiltige Trennung zwischen Br.·. Reuß und seinem Schüler Leopold E. eingetreten war, setzte sich Br.·. Kellner sofort in Verbindung mit Br.·. Reuß und veranlaßte die Erwerbung eines Freibriefes für Einführung des Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus der Freimaurerei in Deutschland, weil Br.·. Kellner diesen Ritus mit seinen 90 bezw. 95 Graden als den geeignetsten hielt, seine Idee betreffs Einführung einer „Art" maurerischer Akademie zu verwirklichen. Die rosenkreuzerischen, esoterischen Lehren der „Hermetic Brotherhood of Light" wurden reserviert für die

This *fac-simile* of page 15 of the *Oriflamme* shows that the O. T. O., based upon the Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim, was originally founded as a *Masonic Academy* for the teaching of "all-existing Masonic degrees and systems." It later, in 1912, adopted the Black Magic-Sex doctrines of Crowley, *which Lewis also teaches.* The O. T. O. is not a Rosicrucian Order or in any way affiliated therewith.

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wenigen Eingeweihten des Okkulten Inneren Kreises. Die Erkenntnis-Stufen dieses Inneren Kreises von Eingeweihten liefen mit den höchsten Graden des Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus parallel, und diese „Eingeweihten" bildeten den geheimen Stamm des Orientalischen Templer-Ordens.

Es kann niemand ein „Eingeweihter" des O. T. O. werden, der nicht vorher die drei Johannis-Grade der Freimaurerei empfangen hat.

Der O. T. O. nimmt Männer und Frauen auf, und erteilt beiden Geschlechtern gleichmäßig die sämtlichen Grade der Freimaurerei.

Br.·. Dr. Franz Hartmann sagt in seiner: „Ersten Instruktion" (englische Ausgabe für Suchende), über Unseren Orden:

Let it be known that there exists, unknown to the great crowd, a very ancient order of sages, whose object is the amelioration and spiritual elevation of mankind, by means of conquering error and aiding men and women in their efforts of attaining the power of recognising the truth. This Order has existed already in the most remote and prehistorical times and it has manifested its activity secretly and openly in the world under different names and in various forms; it has caused social and political revolutions and proved to be the rock of salvation in times of danger and misfortune. — Into this sacred Society no one can be admitted by another, unless he has the power to enter it himself by virtue of his own interior illumination; neither can any one after he has once entered, be expelled, unless he should expell himself by becoming unfaithful to his principles and forget again the truths which he has learned by his own experience.

In regard to the spiritual aspect of this Secret Order, one of the Brothers says:

„Our community is the Society of the Children of Light, who live in the light and have attained immortality therein. In our school we are instructed directly by Divine Wisdom, the Celestial Bride, whose will is free and who selects as her disciples those who are devoted to her. The mysteries which we are taught em-

This *fac-simile* of page 16 of the *Oriflamme* shows that the so-called "Rosicrucian esoteric teachings" of the *Hermetic Brotherhood of Light* are, in fact, the teachings of the "highest degrees of the Rites of Memphis and Mizraim." Originally the O. T. O. based its teachings on certain Masonic Rites and later adopted the sex-magic of Crowley. It does not claim to be a Rosicrucian Order or affiliated therewith. That is just another of Lewis' misrepresentations and *fraudulent devices* used to promote his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

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brace everything that can possibly be known in regard to God, Nature and Man.

We all study only one book, the book of nature, in which the keys to all secrets are contained, and we follow the only possible method in studying it, that of experience. Our place of meeting is the Temple of the Holy Spirit prevading the universe; easily to be found by the elect, but for ever hidden from the eyes of the vulgar.

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As to the external organization of that Society, it will be necessary to give a glance at its history, which has been one and the same in all times. Whenever that spiritual Society manifested itself on the outward plane and appeared in the world, it consisted at its beginning of a few able and enlightened people, forming a nucleus around which others were attracted. But invariably, the more such a Society grew in numbers, the more became attracted to it elements, such as were not able to understand or follow its principles; people who joined it for the purpose of gratifying their own ambition or for making the Society serve their own ends, obtained the majority over those that were pure. Thereupon the healthy portion of it retired from the field and continued their benevolent work in secrecy, while the remaining portion became diseased and disrupted, and sooner or later died disgraced and profanised. For the Spirit had departed from them.

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From the above it will be clear that the first and most necessary requirement of the new disciple is that he will keep silent in regard to all that concerns the Society to which he is admitted. Not that there is anything in that Society which needs to be afraid of being known to the virtuous and good; but it is not necessary that things which are elevated and sacred should be exposed to the gaze of the vulgar and be bespattered by them with mud. This would only impede the Society in its work.

Another necessary requirement is mutual confidence between the teacher and the disciple; because a disciple

This is a *fac-simile* of page 17 of the *Oriflamme*. The description of the original O. T. O. by Dr. Hartmann in English, beginning on page 15 and ending on page 18, is also a splendid description of all mystery schools and genuine White Magic occult and mystic orders or societies. It will be read and appreciated by all serious students of occultism and mysticism. It states the requirements to be followed by all seekers of "the *Way*" and "the *Path*" to Wisdom, Light and Immortality.

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who has no faith in his master cannot be taught or guided by him. There may be things which will appear strange, and for which no reasons can be given to the beginner, but when the disciple has attained a certain state of development, all will be clear to him or her.

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From all this it follows as a matter of course that the next requisite is obedience. Its object is the realization of true manhood and womanhood and the attainment of conscious immortality in the realization of the highest state of existence and perfection through the power of divine and unlimited love.

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Und die Brr.·. Dr. Carl Kellner und Theodor Reuß in dem von ihnen gemeinsam gezeichneten, und in der historischen Ausgabe der „Oriflamme", A. D. 1904, veröffentlichten Manifesto, schrieben:

Eines der Geheimnisse, die Unser Orden in seinem höchsten Grade besitzt, besteht darin, daß er dem gehörig vorbereiteten Bruder die praktischen Mittel liefert, den wahren Tempel Salomos im Menschen aufzurichten, das „verlorene Wort" wiederzufinden, das heißt, daß Unser Orden dem eingeweihten und auserwählten Bruder die praktischen Mittel liefert, die ihn in den Stand setzen, sich schon in diesem irdischen Leben Beweise seiner Unsterblichkeit zu verschaffen.

Diese praktischen Mittel sind aber keine „Geisterbeschwörungen", oder andere „spiritistische Praktiken", sondern es sind Mittel, die sich nur mit der inneren Stimme und mit den inneren Sinnen des Kandidaten selbst beschäftigen, und die alle spiritistischen Praktiken direkt und strengstens ausschließen und verdammen.

Dieses Geheimnis ist eines der wahren maur.·. Geheimnisse und eben ausschließlich das Geheimnis der okkulten Hochgrade Unseres Ordens. Es ist auf Unsern Orden durch mündliche Ueberlieferung von den Vätern aller wahren Freimaurerei den „weisen Männern des Ostens" überkommen und wird auch von uns nur wieder mündlich weitergegeben. Selbstverständlich hängt aber der Erfolg dieses praktischen Unterrichts zur Erlangung

This is a *fac-simile* of page 18 of the *Oriflamme*. The joint manifesto of Dr. Carl Kellner and Theodor Reuss in 1904 shows conclusively that the original O. T. O., before it came under the domination of Crowley in 1912, was a Masonic Order or allied therewith. It did not issue a Rosicrucian Charter to Lewis. That is just another of his false representations and *fraudulent devices* to promote his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.

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dieses Geheimnisses wiederum ausschließlich vom Kandidaten selbst ab.

Diejenigen Brüder, welche dieses Geheimnis nun gefunden hatten, bewahrten es als ein köstliches selbsterrungenes Eigentum, und um von den Alltagsmenschen nicht verkannt, oder gar verspottet zu werden, verbargen sie es unter Symbolen, so, wie wir das heute noch tun.

Schließlich dürfte noch angezeigt sein, auch darauf hinzuweisen, was Fra.·. Merlin in der „Oriflamme" (Ausgabe 1910) sagte über das, was Unser Orden lehrt und erstrebt.

„Wir streben nach der Erkenntnis des Schöpfers aller Welten, und nach der bewußten Vereinigung mit ihm.

„Wir lehren, die erste Vorbedingung auf dem Wege zur Erkenntnis des Schöpfers aller Welten ist die wahre, wirkliche Selbsterkenntnis.

„Diese wirkliche Selbsterkenntnis ist der Grundstein zum esoterischen Tempel in des Menschen Brust. Ist diese Vorstufe erklommen, dann kann der Neophyt seine Wanderschaft beginnen. Dieselbe muß unter eisernem Schweigen geschehen. Der Weg ist dunkel, aber aus der Ferne wirft der Heilige Gral seinen blutroten, feurigen Schein der selbstlosesten Menschenliebe auf den Weg des ernstsuchenden Wanderers. Schwere Proben hat der Wanderer zu bestehen, aber dem wahrhaft Standhaften winkt die Gemeinschaft der Temple-isen, der esoterischen Templer und Rosenkreuzer, denen das „Licht vom Osten" ewig erstrahlt in höchter Reinheit."

Fra.·. Merlin bemerkt dann hiezu: Da dieses Ziel jedoch ein rein esoterisches ist, und zur völligen Weltabgewandtheit der Gefährten führen könnte, wenn Unser Orden nicht den Mut hätte, die praktischen Konsequenzen aus unseren Lehren für das Alltagsleben zu ziehen, Unser Orden aber gerade um deswillen an die Oeffentlichkeit getreten ist, um auf das Leben der Menschen Einfluß zu nehmen, so erstrebt unser Orden, in esoterisch-praktischer Durchführung Unserer Lehren, zunächst dahin zu wirken, daß in Zukunft die „Mutter" als „Hohepriesterin" in ihrer Familie verehrt werde. Jedes „Ge-

This is a *fac-simile* of page 19 of the *Oriflamme*. Here it is revealed that originally the members of the O. T. O. were taught to seek "CONSCIOUS *Union* with *Him*." This is Eastern Mysticism of Modern Theosophy, of which Dr. Franz Hartmann was one of the ablest exponents in the Western World, *but it is not Rosicrucianism*.

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segnete Weib" ist uns eine „Heilige", sagt Fra.·. Merlin, sie ist das Symbol „der Menschwerdung der göttlichen Schöpfungskraft". Die Mutter soll als Hohepriesterin die „Hüterin des heiligen Feuers", die „Ausspenderin des Mystischen Segens" sein!

Unser Orden hofft dadurch im Leben unseres Volkes dahin zu wirken, daß die „Mutterschaft" wieder das höchste Ziel des Weibes wird.

Damit dokumentiert Unser Orden, daß er nicht nur abstrakte Ziele verfolgt, sondern es auch versteht, praktisch da einzugreifen im Alltagsleben unseres Volkes, wo eine Erziehung zum richtigen Verständnis und zur richtigen Auffassung der Pflichten eines Volkes gegenüber seiner eigenen Zukunft, gerade in den gegenwärtigen Zeitläufen, dringend notwendig geworden ist.

Gerade diese praktische Seite der Tätigkeit Unseres Ordens hat es nun zur Folge gehabt, daß englische Brüder Freimaurer an unsern Ordensmeister herangetreten sind mit der Bitte, eine National-Großloge Unseres Ordens in Großbritannien zu stiften. Denn gerade England, mit seiner extremen „Mutterschaft-verneinenden" Frauenbewegung (Suffragettes), hat eine Erziehung zur Mutterschaft am allerdringendsten nötig. So kam es, daß wir, die wir uns im Jahre 1902 von England einen Freibrief erkauften, um die Grade des Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus in Deutschland bearbeiten zu können, im Jahre 1912 englischen Brüdern kostenlos einen Freibrief gewährten, um die okkulten Grade des Orientalischen Templer-Ordens in England einzuführen.

Wenn wir nun zurückgreifen auf die eingangs erwähnten prophetischen Worte unseres Br.·. Dr. Franz Hartmann, so können wir A. D. 1912 mit großer Befriedigung konstatieren, daß sich Br.·. Hartmanns Worte voll und ganz bewahrheitet haben:

Alle Angriffe haben Unsern Orden nicht hindern können, sicher und ruhig seinen Weg zu gehen; das „Licht vom Osten" ist, trotz aller Nebel, siegreich geblieben!

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Zum Schluß unseres Jubiläums-Rückblickes konstatieren wir also nochmals kurz:

Unser Orden ist kein Freimaurer-Orden *pure et*

This is a *fac-simile* of page 20 of the *Oriflamme*. Here it is revealed that in 1902 the O. T. O. secured its charter of the Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim from England *by purchase* and that in 1912 it gave Crowley a charter "without charge" for England and all English-speaking countries after it had adopted his Black Sex Magic, which Lewis now *teaches* in his fraternal racket and Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle. See translation and the text.

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simple, aber jedes Mitglied Unseres Ordens, sei es Mann oder Frau, denn Unser Orden steht beiden Geschlechtern gleichmäßig offen, muß durch die sämtlichen Grade der Johannis-Freimaurerei, wie auch der Hochgrad-Maurerei, hindurch gehen, ehe ein Mitglied ein Erleuchteter und Eingeweihter Unseres Ordens werden kann.

Unser Orden besitzt den **Schlüssel,** der alle maurer.·. und hermetischen Geheimnisse erschließt, es ist die Lehre von der Sexual-Magie, und diese Lehre erklärt **restlos** alle Rätsel der Natur, alle freimaurerische Symbolik, und alle Religions-Systeme.

Möge Unser Orden auch weiterhin siegreich bleiben wie bisher!

DER ORDENSMEISTER.

MYSTERIA MYSTICA MAXIMA.

Am Schlusse des vorstehenden Artikels wurde erklärt, daß der Schlüssel zur Erschließung des, allen freimaurerischen Symbolen unterliegenden Geheimnisses, die Lehre von der Sexual-Magie ist.

Obgleich nun diese Lehre von der Sexual-Magie eben das Geheimnis des O. T. O. ist, und sich nicht eignet zur Publikation in einer Druckschrift, welche weitesten Kreisen zugeht, so hat die Ordensleitung doch beschlossen, zur Information wahrhaft Suchender, einen ganz kleinen Zipfel des Schleiers, der unser Geheimnis bedeckt, hier in dieser Jubiläums-Ausgabe der Oriflamme zu heben.

Wir haben es gar nicht nötig die „Oeffentlichkeit" erst darum um Entschuldigung zu bitten, daß wir es wagen, diese delikate Frage hier öffentlich anzuschneiden, denn es steht doch fest, daß die Sexual-Frage die brennendste Frage unserer Zeit geworden ist. Beweise hiefür brauchen wir auch nicht anzuführen, jede Tageszeitung enthält solche in Hülle und Fülle.

Als Einleitung zu unserer kleinen „Enthüllung" wollen wir aber die Worte Przybyszewskis, eines großen, ernsten Forschers auf diesem Gebiete, zitieren, der sagte:

„Ebensowenig wie ich etwas dagegen zu tun vermag, daß im ganzen Mittelalter die seelischen Offen-

This *fac-simile* of page 21 of the *Oriflamme* reveals the abandonment of its original White Magic-Sex teachings and the adoption in 1912 of the Black Magic-Sex teachings of Crowley. These are set forth under the "Mysteria Mystica Maxima," the name of the English-speaking branch of the O. T. O., which has been under the immediate and exclusive supervision of Crowley since 1912. And Lewis denies his *Secret Chief*—but *teaches his doctrines!*

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barungen durchweg nur auf dem Gebiete des religiösen Lebens zu finden sind, ebensowenig kann ich etwas an der Tatsache ändern, daß in unserer Zeit die Seele sich nur in dem Verhältnis der Geschlechter zu einander offenbart. Man mag dafür der Seele die Vorwürfe machen, nicht mir."

Wir sagen in unserm Manifeste, daß wir dem gehörig vorbereiteten Bruder die praktischen Mittel liefern, sich schon in diesem irdischen Leben Beweise seiner Unsterblichkeit zu verschaffen.

Wohlan, eines dieser Mittel ist eine gewisse Yoga-Uebung.

Br. Dr. Kellner sagt in seiner Schrift über Yoga: Yoga ist eine sehr alte und lange geheim gehaltene, jedenfalls wenig bekannte Lehre, welche durch gewisse Uebungen ihren Jünger in den Stand setzt, die Erscheinungen des künstlichen Somnambulismus willkürlich an sich hervorzurufen.

Je nach Art der zur Erreichung von Yoga angewandten Verfahren, unterscheidet man verschiedene Arten von Yoga, und eine wichtige Rolle spielen dabei die Nervenzentren (Nadis) und 10 verschiedene Arten von Atem (Vayus).

Die altindischen physiologischen Bezeichnungen für die 10 Vayus sind: Prana (im Herzen), Apana (in der Gegend des Anus), Samâna (in der Nabelgegend), Udâna (in der Kehle), Vyâna (im ganzen Körper), Napa (im Reproduktionsorgan), Kurma (öffnet die Augenlider), Krikara (verursacht Niesen), Devadatta (verursacht Gähnen), Dhananjaya (durchdringt den äußeren groben Körper).

Mit den an sechster Stelle genannten Vayus Napa (im Reproduktionsorgan) beschäftigt sich nun die Sexual-Magie.

Diese Übung wird genannt „die Transmutation der Reproduktions-Energie".

Diese Uebung der Transmutation der Reproduktions-Energie wird nicht gemacht zu sexuellen Exzessen, sondern zur Stärkung der Ewigen Gotteskraft auf der irdischen Ebene, wozu sexual starke, vollkommene Menschen, männlichen und weiblichen Geschlechts, nötig sind.

This *fac-simile* of page 22 of the *Oriflamme* reveals that the teachings of the O. T. O. embrace the Yoga teachings of Asia, as also taught in the West by the Theosophical Society. We do not condemn these teachings, but they are *not* Rosicrucian teachings, which is further proof that the O. T. O. is not a Rose Cross Order. Lewis condemns the teaching of Yoga (See Vol. I, pp. 326 to 333), but he teaches Yoga and claims a Rosicrucian "charter" from and close affiliation with the O. T. O., which also teaches Yoga. It is just another of his *fraudulent devices.*

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Die Reproduktions-Energie ist Schöpfungs-Prozess. Göttlicher Aktus!

Im Reproduktions-Organ (männlich und weiblich) ist auf den kleinsten Raum die größte Vital-Kraft konzentriert.

Im Verlaufe der ziemlich umständlichen Uebung konzentriert der Uebende seine Gedanken, daß er die Reproduktions-Energie aus dem Organ heraufzieht zum Solar-Plexus (Sonnengeflecht), wo er „will", daß es aufgespeichert werde zu Transmutationszwecken. Damit wird ein genau geregeltes Atmen verbunden. Daran schließt sich der Aktus der Transmutation der Energie, und schließlich tritt die Große Vereinigung ein, wo der Uebende zum Seher wird — bei vollem Bewußtsein, — und das Gesehene erlebt.

Dies ist weiße Sexual-Magie!

ORDENS-NACHRICHTEN.

Auf Veranlassung des S. E. Br.·. M. McB. Thomson, 33°, 90°, 96°, ist unser Orden in freundschaftliche Beziehungen getreten zu der American Masonic Federation und hat folgende Brüder zu Freundschafts-Repräsentanten bei der Supreme Lodge of the American Masonic Federation ernannt:

Br.·. M. McB. Tomson, 33°, 90°, 96° zum General Groß-Repräsentanten; Br.·. Robert E. England, 33°, 90°, 95°, zum deputierten General Groß-Repräsentanten; ferner den Br.·. Franz Blust, 33°, 90°, 95°, zum Groß-Repräsentanten bei der Großloge von Kalifornien, und den Br.·. Hermann Müller, 32°, 86°, 90°, zum Deputierten Groß-Repräsentanten ebendaselbst.

Auf Wunsch und Antrag des M.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. John Yarker, 33°, 90°, 97°, Suveräner General Großmeister *ad vitam* der Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus in Groß-Britannien und Irland, hat unser Ordensmeister dem geschäftlichen Leiter der von Mrs. Annie Besant, 33°, 90°, 96°, in England gegründeten, „Co-Masonry"-Logen, Br.·. J. J. Wedgwood in London, ein Patent als Freimaurer-Meister ausgestellt und den-

This *fac-simile* of page 23 of the *Oriflamme* tells us that M. McB. Thomson was the General Grand Representative of the O. T. O. in the U. S. A. in and prior to 1912. Thomson was convicted of Masonic Fraud. See Part One of this chapter, *supra*. It also appears that John Yarker and the O. T. O. recognized the Co-Masonry established in England and the United States by Mrs. Annie Besant, 33°, 90°, 96°, which the consistent (?) Mr. Lewis vigorously condemns in the U. S. A. but approved in Europe at the FUDOSI convention in 1934 at Brussels.

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selben der Loge „Zum heiligen Gral", Or.·. München, als Ehren-Mitglied attachiert.

Aus dem Bericht unseres Ordensschatzmeisters, Fra Argosinus, geht hervor, daß Unser Orden (O. T. O.) am 30. Sept. a. c. über ein Vermögen von M. 30 400 verfügte, welche Summe in 4 Prozent Zinsen tragenden Staats-Papieren angelegt ist. Also auch rein materiell hat unser Orden die prophetischen Worte unseres verstorbenen Br.·. Dr. Franz Hartmann erfüllt.

LITTERATUR.

I. N. R. I. — Unter diesem Titel erscheinen die Publikationen des Ordens der Orientalischen Templer. Herausgeber ist Theodor Reuss, 4, Duke Street, Adelphi, London.

Oriflamme. — Amtliches Organ des Gross-Orient von Deutschland. Herausgeber ist Dr. Carl Lauer, Schulstrasse 30, in Ludwigshafen a. Rhein.

The Equinox. — Amtliches Organ des O. T. O. in England. Herausgeber ist Aleister Crowley, 3, Great Jamesstreet, Bedford Row, London, W.C. — Jeder Band kostet 10 sh. 6 d.

L'Initiation. — Offizielles Organ des Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus und des O. T. O. in Frankreich. Herausgeber ist Dr. Papus, 15, rue Seguier, Paris. — Preis 12 francs per Jahr.

The Universal Freemason. — Amtliches Organ der American Masonic Federation. Herausgeber ist M. McB. Thomson, 585 Mainstreet, Evanston, Wyo., U. S. A.

This fac-simile of page 24 of the *Oriflamme* shows that the publications of the O. T. O. appear under the mystic sign of I. N. R. I. (See Lewis' "Exhibit No. 10"—Our Reproduction No. 56). Crowley's personal organ, *The Equinox,* is shown to be an official organ of the O. T. O. It is the only official organ of the O. T. O. today and Crowley is its Outer Head and *Secret Chief.* The photograph is that of Theodor Reuss, former Outer Head, who died in 1924.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 57S

Br.·. Dr. Carl Lauer, 33°, 90°, 95°, IX°.
Grossmeister-Commandeur
des Obersten Rates 33° Schottischer Ritus,
Grossorient von Deutschland.
General-Gross-Administrator
des Suveränen Sanktuarium für das Deutsche Reich.
Meister vom Stuhl der Loge „Pythagoras", Or.·. Mannheim.

DR. CARL LAUER, A MEMPHIS-MIZRAIM MASON AND HIGH MEMBER OF THE O. T. O.

The German is freely translated as follows:

"Grand Master Commander of the Supreme Council 33° Scottish Rites, Grand Orient of Germany, General Grand Administrator of the Sovereign Sanctuary for Germany, Master of the Pythagorus Lodge in Mannheim."

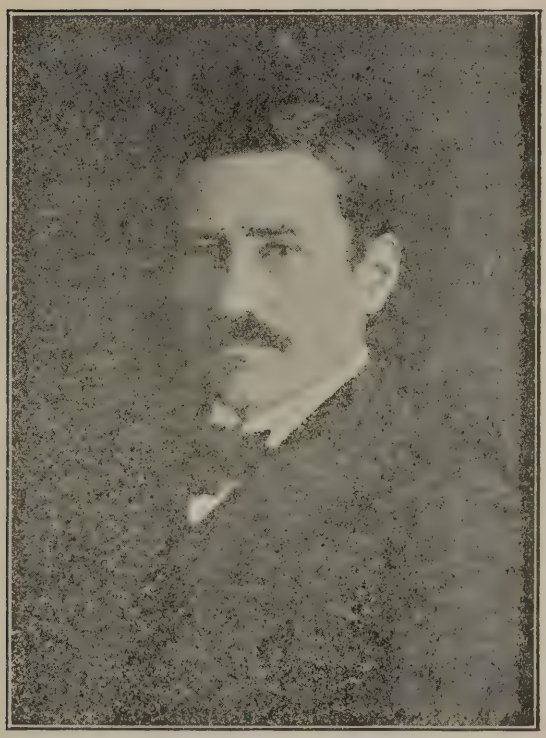
Br.·. Paul Kirmiss, 33°, 90°, 95°, IX°.
General Gross-Kanzler des Ordens der
Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus
in Deutschland.
M.·. vom Stuhl der Loge „Renate zum Licht vom Osten",
Or.·. Berlin.
Kanzler unseres Ordens
O·T·O

MR. PAUL KIRMISS, A MEMPHIS-MIZRAIM MASON AND CHANCELLOR OF THE O. T. O.

Page 26, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated as follows:

"General Grand Chancellor of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany. Master of the Lodge: Renate zum Licht vom Osten in Berlin. Chancellor of our Order O. T. O."

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 57U



Br.·. Andreas Ullmer, 33°, 90°, 95°, IX°.
General Gross-Expert des Ordens der
Alten Freimaurer vom Memphis- und Misraim-Ritus
in Deutschland.
M.·. vom Stuhl der Loge „Zum heiligen Gral", Or.·. München.
Schriftwart unseres Ordens
O·T·O

MR. ANDREAS ULLMER, a MEMPHIS-MIZRAIM MASON AND SECRETARY OF THE O. T. O.

Page 28, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated as follows:

"General Grand Expert of the Order of the Old (Primitive) Freemasons of the Memphis and Mizraim Rites in Germany. Master of the Lodge 'To the Holy Grail' in Munich, Secretary of Our Order O. T. O."

Br.·. Aleister Crowley, 33°, 90°, 96°, X°
National-Grossmeister
für Grossbritannien und Irland
der Mysteria Mystica Maxima des
Orientalischen Templer-Ordens
O T O

MR. ALEISTER CROWLEY, A MEMPHIS-MIZRAIM MASON, AND A TENTH DEGREE O. T. O.

Page 30, opposite, is blank. The German is freely translated as follows:

"National Grand Master for Great Britain and Ireland of the 'Mysteria Mystica Maxima of the Order of Oriental Templars,' O. T. O." Crowley, the first in line of succession, succeeded Theodor Reuss as the Outer Head and *Secret Chief* of the O. T. O.

ORGANISATION DES ORIENTALISCHEN TEMPLER-ORDENS.

I°	Prüfling	1	Vorhof	Detachiert
II°	Minerval	2	Synode	[Zwischenstufen]
III°	Johannis-(Craft-)Freimaurer	3	Johannis-Frm.-Logen	Lehrling, Geselle, Meister.
IV°	Schottischer (Andreas-)Maurer	4	Schottisches Kapitel	Schottischer Meister und Obermeister.
V°	Rose Croix-Maurer	5	Rose Croix-Kapitel	Ritter Rose Croix und Prinz Maurer.
VI°	Templer-Rosenkreuzer	6	Mystischer Tempel	a) Magus, b) Theoretikus.
VII°	Mystischer Templer	7	Grossrat	a) Praktikus, b) Adeptus.
VIII°	Orientalischer Templer	8	Geheimer Areopag	a) Princeps, b) Illuminat.
IX°	Vollkommener Illuminat	9	Suveränes Sanktuarium	
X°	Supr. Rex (O. H. O.)			

Anmeldungen können gerichtet werden an folgende Adressen:

Paul Kirmiss, Yorkstrasse 73, Berlin S. V.
Andreas Ullmer, Geroltstrasse 4.II, München.
Aleister Crowley, „The Equinox", 3 Great Jamesstreet, Bloomsbury, London.
Theodor Reuss, 4 Dukestreet, Charing Cross, London.

Druck von F. E. Baumann.

Fac-simile of the last page of the *Oriflamme*, which gives a classification of the degrees of the O. T. O. as shown in the Book of the Constitution and directs inquiries to Crowley and Reuss in London, to Kirmiss in Berlin and to Ullmer in Munich.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 58

O.T.O.

(Ordo Templi Orientis)

An open letter to those who may wish to join the Order; enumerating the Duties and Privileges

This letter should be shown to all intending Candidates and further explained if necessary

ALL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM

.....

.....

Name and address of Brother charged with the duty of distributing this letter.

Or from

The Grand Secretary General O. T. O.

AT OFFICES OF

M.·.M.·.M.·.

93 REGENT STREET, LONDON, W.C.

The M.·. M.·. M.·. (Mysteria Mystica Maxima) is the name of the British section of the O. T. O. This includes all countries where English is generally spoken. The O. T. O. is international, and has existing branches in every civilised country of the world.

The title page of an official document of the O. T. O. showing that the M.·.M.·.M.·. *i.e., Mysteria Mystica Maxima* is the official name of the O. T. O. in all countries where English is generally spoken. This, taken in connection with the Book of the Constitution and the *Oriflamme,* proves conclusively that since 1912 Crowley has been the *Supreme Authority* of the O. T. O. in the United States, and therefore, *in any event,* is Lewis' *Secret Chief* whom he denied and denounced—while *teaching* his Black Magic-Sex doctrines.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 58A

AN Epistle of BAPHOMET to Sir GEORGE MACNIE COWIE, Very Illustrious and Very Illuminated. Pontiff and Epopt of the Areopagus of the VIIIth Degree O.T.O. Grand Treasurer General, Keeper of the Golden Book, President of the Committee of Publications of the O.T.O.

Do what thou wilt shall be the whole of the Law. It has been represented to US that some persons who are worthy to join the O. T. O. consider the fees and subscriptions rather high. This is due to your failure to explain properly the great advantages offered by the Order. We desire you therefore presently to note, and to cause to be circulated throughout the Order, and among those of the profane who may seem worthy to join it, these matters following concerning the duties and the privileges of members of the earlier degrees of the O. T. O. as regards material affairs. And for convenience we shall classify these as pertaining to the Twelve Houses of the Heaven, but also by numbered clauses for the sake of such as understand not the so-called Science of the Stars. First, therefore, concerning the duties of the Brethren. Yet with our Order every duty is also a privilege, so that it is impossible wholly to separate them.

Concerning the Duties of the Brethren

FIRST HOUSE.

1. There is no law beyond "Do what thou wilt." Yet it is well for Brethren to study daily in the Volume of the Sacred Law, Liber Legis, for therein is much counsel concerning this, how best they may carry out this will.

SECOND HOUSE.

2. The private purse of every Brother should always be at the disposal of any Brother who may be in need. But in such a case it is a great mischief if the one ask, and the other consent; for if the former be really in need, his pride is wounded by his asking; and if not, the door is opened to beggars and impostors, and all manner of arrant knaves and rogues such as are no true Brethren. But the Brother who is possessed of this world's goods should make it his business to watch the necessity of all those Brethren with whom he may be personally acquainted, anticipating their wants in so wise and kindly and delicate a manner that it shall appear as if it were the payment of a debt. And what help is given shall be given with discretion, so that the relief may be permanent instead of temporary.

3. All Brethren shall be exceedingly punctual in the payment of Lodge Dues. This is to take precedence of all the calls upon the purse.

THIRD HOUSE.

4. The Brethren shall be diligent in preaching the Law of Thelema. In all writings they shall be careful to use the prescribed greetings; likewise in speech, even with strangers.

5. They shall respond heartily to every summons of the Lodge or Chapter to which they may belong, not lightly making excuse.

6. Brethren should use every opportunity of assisting each other in their tastes, businesses, or professions, whether by direct dealing with Brethren in preference to others, or by speaking well of them, or as may suggest itself. It seems desirable, when

AN EPISTLE OF BAPHOMET

Page 2 of the official document of O. T. O. shown in Reproduction No. 58, which declares that there is *no law* beyond "DO WHAT THOU WILT." It is the detestable and dangerous Black Magic-Sex doctrine of Lewis' *Secret Chief* which he teaches, yet denounces, as he repudiates his Chief. Is the Imperator of Fraternal Fraud an ingrate or did he just *"take"* Crowley's teachings, as he has "taken" the name of the Rose Cross and used Masonry as *fraudulent devices* to promote his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle?

AN ANSWER TO LEWIS' WHITE (?) BOOK "D"

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 59

AMORC - Rosicrucian Order
ELEVENTH GRADE TEMPLE LECTURE PAGE THREE
NUMBER TEN

Crowley's Black Magic - his sex-magic taught by Lewis.

It is strange to say, however, that the guardian always warned his pupils that others in the past had occasionally disobeyed the word or ignored it, and that in such circumstances, they had quickly learned that such an act brought them grief and sorrow. Of course, we are all human and the human element in us is very apt to cause us to feel at times that our own reasoning is superior to any other thoughts that may come from the outside or the inside. In other words, the voice of the Tempter often tries to make us ignore the inner word and listen to our own reasoning. In such cases, we inevitably fail and learn a lesson.

You will judge from what I have said here in this veiled way that this inner word or thought will come to you at times when you are in doubt or when you need the still small voice to guide you. I am not going to tell you, however, how, when, or where, the word will suddenly make itself manifest to you when you most need it. This, you must learn from experience.

We have an excellent example in the very old mystical stories of Moses in the Christian Bible of a person who at times disobeyed the Divine Voice and paid no attention to the inner word. Perhaps you have never realized that the story of Moses in the Bible is more allegorical and symbolical than the truthful presentation of facts. It is one of the most veiled stories that the Bible contains and at times it would seem that Moses was not one person but several persons, and if we keep in mind the fact that Moses simply symbolized the one who had been initiated but who swayed back and forth between earthly temptation and Divine urge, we will realize that we are not reading the story of one man, but of a character that represented many men or many personalities. The one outstanding lesson that we get from the story of Moses in the Christian Bible is the beautiful mystical fact that while a man is both spiritual and physical and can have in him the Divine Voice, ready and willing to urge him and advise him, God has ordained it that man shall have free will and shall hear the temptation of the world as well as the advice of the inner consciousness, and that he has the privilege of choosing as he pleases.

This leads me to a point where I may safely and confidentially comment on one of the ancient Rosicrucian laws which we have refrained from using in any of the lower grades because it is so apt to be misunderstood. That law is this: "Do what thou wilt, is the whole of the law; love is the law, love under will." The first part of that law is the most significant. "Do what thou wilt, is the whole of the law." Now that does not mean that you can do as you please and that there is no other law except the law that you go through life doing anything and everything that you desire to do. You would see at once that such a principle would not be any law at all. The key to the whole law lies in the word "will." To do the things you will to do means to do the things that you have reasoned upon, examined, analyzed, and finally agreed upon, with the understanding that you will assume all the responsibility for your act, and bear all of the Karma that results therefrom. You see, therefore, that the law is very much like

LEWIS TEACHES CROWLEY'S BLACK SEX-MAGIC

This *fac-simile* of a page from his lessons proves conclusively that Lewis *does teach* the *Black Sex-Magic* of Crowley. It also demonstrates to a certainty that his "virtuous" indignation and *hypocritical* denunciation of Crowley and his infamous Sex-Magic is just another of his many *fraudulent devices* used to promote and sustain his *fraternal racket*, which is a vile, wicked and dangerous *swindle* under the guise of Brotherly Love and in the name of a *Holy Order!*

Can you imagine anything more reprehensible?

BASE DECEIT AND BLACK SEX-MAGIC

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 60

IN MEMORIAM—JOHN YARKER

[*This Manifesto following has been issued by order of the new M.I. Sovereign Grand Master General for G. B. and I.*]

To all Sovereign Sanctuaries, Supreme Councils and Masonic Bodies in friendship with the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in and for Great Britain and Ireland.

WE, Grand Secretary General of the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in and for Great Britain and Ireland, hereby give due Notice to all Sovereign Sanctuaries, Supreme Councils and Masonic Bodies in friendship with the Sovereign Sanctuary in and for Great Britain and Ireland, and to all Members of the said Rite, that the lamented Most Illustrious Bro. John Yarker, 33°, 90°, 97°, Sovereign Grand Master General of the Antient and Primitive Rite, departed this earthly life and was called to the Grand East on March 20th, 1913, E.V., and that a Convocation of Prince Patriarch Grand Conservators of the said Rite on June 30th, 1913, E.V. held in London, unanimously elected the Very Illustrious Bro. Henry Meyer, 33°, 90°, 96°, henceforth to be Sovereign Grand Master General in and for Great Britain and Ireland.

With fraternal greetings,

Yours in the Bonds of the Order,
Leon Engers-Kennedy, 33°, 90°, 95°,
Grand Secretary General.

Follows a copy of the Minutes of the Special Convocation of the Supreme Sanctuary of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry held at 33 Avenue Studios, 76 Fulham Road, South Kensington, London, S.W., on Monday, June 30, 1913, at five o'clock of the afternoon.

Fac-simile of page 23 of Vol. One, No. 10 of *The Equinox*, September, 1913, showing the death and the election of the successor of John Yarker, Sovereign Grand Master General of the Ancient and Primitive Freemasonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim for Great Britain and Ireland. Continued in our Reproductions Nos. 60A and 60B.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 60A

THE EQUINOX

The brethren present having proved their right to sit, speak and vote, Brother Quilliam called the Convocation to order, and called upon Brother Crowley to read the summons, a copy of which is here appended. This was done.

Brother Crowley remarked that no written protest against the present Convocation had been received from any Prince Patriarch, and that it might therefore be taken that no question could hereafter be raised as to the legality of the Convocation.

Brother Crowley proposed, and Bro. Theodor Reuss seconded, that Bro. Henry Meyer take the chair. This was unanimously agreed to.

Brother Meyer having done so, Brother Quilliam moved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late Sovereign Grand Master General. This was agreed to.

Brother Meyer then called upon Brother Crowley to read his report of the proceedings at Manchester. Brother Crowley complied.

The report of the proceedings at Manchester was approved and adopted and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes of the Convocation. Follows a copy of aforesaid report.

The election of the Sovereign Grand Master General was then duly held.

RECORD OF THE ELECTION OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND MASTER GENERAL

THE Members of the Sovereign Sanctuary having produced their certificates and all other documents requisite for the purpose of establishing their right to be present and vote in this Convocation of Prince Patriarch Grand Conservators, and the same having been examined and found to be legal and

Fac-simile of page 24 of the same issue of *The Equinox* shown in the preceding reproduction. Note that Crowley and Reuss were closely associated in the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Order of Memphis-Mizraim for Great Britain, as well as in the O. T. O. and in the teaching of Crowley's Sex-Magic.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 60B

IN MEMORIAM—JOHN YARKER

in due order, Bro. W. Henry Quilliam, 33°, 90°, 96°, called the Convocation to order, and called upon Brother Crowley, 33°, 90°, 95°, to read the summons calling this Convocation. This was duly done, and a copy of such summons so there read is set out in extenso in the minutes hereinafter written.

On the motion of Bro. W. Henry Quilliam, seconded by Bro. Aleister Crowley, 33°, 90°, 95°, the Very Illustrious Prince Patriarch Grand Conservator, 33°, 90°, 95°, Bro. Henry Meyer, of 25 Longton Grove, Sydenham, S.E., County of Kent, was unanimously elected Sovereign Grand Master General of the Antient and Primitive Rite of Masonry in and for Great Britain and Ireland. The Most Illustrious Sovereign Grand Master General then took the chair and, after returning thanks for the election, closed this Special Convocation. Done in our Sanctuary in the Valley of London, this thirtieth day of June, Nineteen hundred and thirteen, E.V.

Signed

HENRY MEYER, 33°, 90°, 96°,
Sovereign Grand Master General.

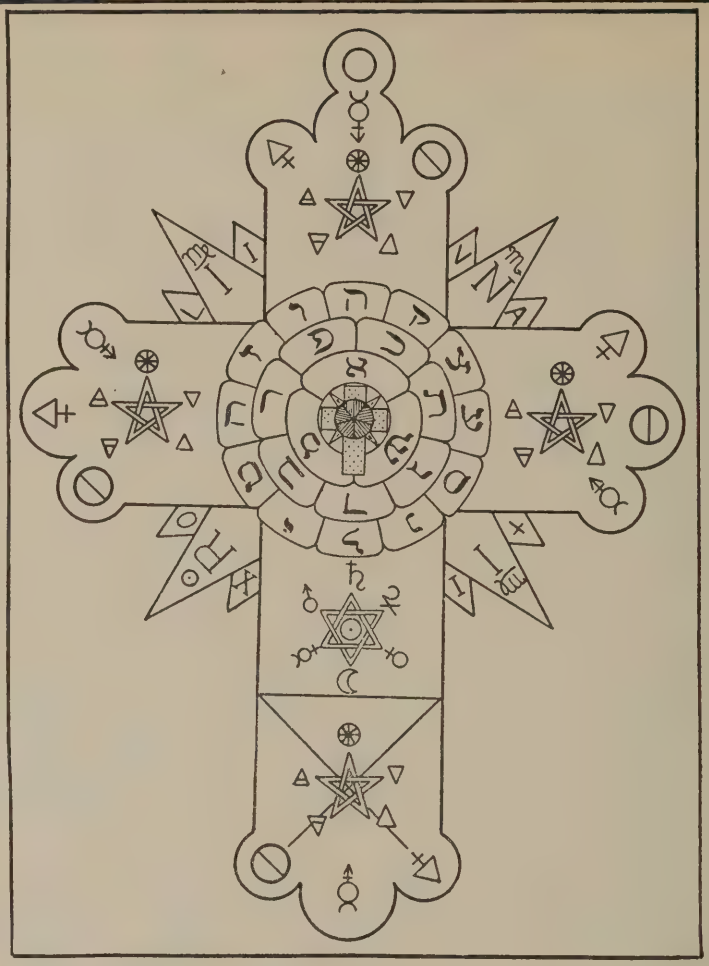
SAINT EDWARD ALEISTER CROWLEY, 33°, 90°, 96°,
Patriarch Grand Administrator General.

WM. HY. QUILLIAM, 33°, 90°, 96°,
Patriarch Grand Keeper General of the Golden Book.

LEON ENGERS-KENNEDY, 33°, 90°, 95°,
Patriarch Grand Secretary General.

THEODOR REUSS, 33°, 90°, 96°,
Sovereign Grand Master General ad Vitam for the German Empire and Grand Inspector General.

Fac-simile of page 25 of the same issue of *The Equinox*. Note that the proceedings of the election of the successor of John Yarker were signed by Saint Edward Aleister Crowley, 33°, 90°, 96°, and Theodor Reuss, 33°, 90°, 96°, both high officials of the Sovereign Sanctuary of Great Britain as well as bosom cronies in the O. T. O.

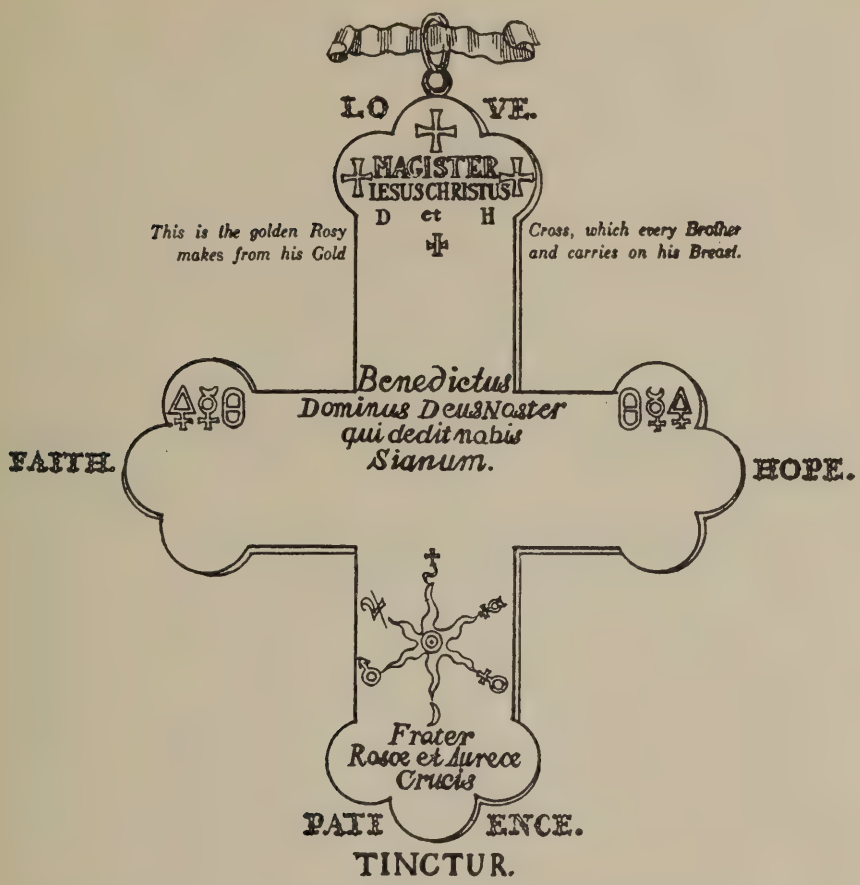


The above is a reproduction of the ancient "Alchemical and Hermetic" Rosy Cross which AMORC has used in some of its literature. Clymer, with astonishing display of ignorance of Rosicrucian or Hermetic history and symbolism, says that this ancient, sacred and dearly beloved symbol, is "a Black Magic Cross invented by Crowley, the black magician, in 1910 or 1911." What can one say to such gross injustice and maliciousness? Every writer on true Rosicrucian symbolism in the *past three centuries* has referred to this "encyclopaedic symbol," which contains the "keys" to the most sacred truths of the Christian Rosy Cross. The letters I. N. R. I. in the four points of the star are symbolical of the Christ Consciousness. To associate this with "black magic" is a deliberate display of sacreligious insult which the Hierarchy of the Cosmos can never forgive. Only a mind devoid of respect for the sacred symbol of highly cultured persons would think of offering an insult of this kind—solely to further his personal, mercenary grievances.

Exhibit No. 12

Lewis' *falsified* "Exhibit No. 12." This is *not* the "Alchemical and Hermetic" Rosy Cross. It is the Skying Cross of the Order of the Golden Dawn. It was published and used by Crowley, in uncompleted form, in his A.·.A.·. work. See text. For the *genuine* Alchemical and Hermetic Cross, and the *true* Rosy Cross, see our Reproductions Nos. 62 and 63.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 62



This is the *genuine* ALCHEMICAL AND HERMETIC ROSY CROSS, reproduced from the *Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians of the 16th and 17th Centuries,* by a Brother of the Fraternity, as *copied* from an old manuscript and published by Dr. Franz Hartmann (see Vol. One, p. 389). Compare this Cross with the Skying Cross of the Order of the Golden Dawn in Lewis' "Exhibit No. 12," our Reproduction No. 61, and note the many false statements and flagrant misrepresentations in his statement shown thereon. See text. Such deceit and denunciation of those who point out his trickery and *devices* are typical of his methods to promote and perpetuate his fraternal swindle—they are typical of *Badges of Fraud.*

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 63

THE GOLDEN AND ROSY CROSS

This is the *original* and *true* GOLDEN AND ROSY CROSS of the Rosicrucians. It is reproduced from the *Secret Symbols of the Rosicrucians.* Its authenticity may not be questioned. The Skying Cross of the Order of the Golden Dawn follows the general outline of this cross, but not its proportions. Measure the arms and standard of each cross and note the difference. It is obvious that the meaning of these entirely different symbols are not the same. From a study of the Crosses, shown in our Reproductions Nos. 61, 62 and 63, it becomes apparent that it is Lewis, *Not we,* who has *insulted* the "Hierarchy of the Cosmos" to protect his *Hierarchy of Fraud.*

CHAPTER FIVE

SUPPLEMENTAL REVIEW OF CLAIMS

Hodgepodge of Claims of Claptrap Authority Asserted by Lewis for His Fraternal Swindle

In the last preceding chapter we reviewed and exposed Lewis' several false and fraudulent claims of Rosicrucian authority and recognition by and through Universal, World or International R. C. Councils and Universal or International Rosicrucian Conventions or Congresses. To enable our readers to ascertain the truth for themselves and to aid the official and independent investigators in determining for themselves, aside from our assertions and conclusions, that the AMORC was fabricated by Mr. Lewis in 1915 and as since operated by him as a Rosicrucian Order is a rank fraud and vicious swindle, we shall in this chapter make a supplemental review of the various contradictory, preposterous, utterly impossible and wholly false claims to Rosicrucian authority which he has made for the fabrication, promotion and operation of his fraternal racket, fraudulently conducted under the name of the *Rosy Cross*[1] as a Rosicrucian Order.

To make this exposé more complete, it is desirable to quote the principal claims[2] made and to point out the contradictory and absurd nature of the same for three important reasons: First, *because* Lewis himself has made the written record which within itself is sufficient, without resorting to other or extrinsic evidence, to prove conclusively that his claims to Rosicrucian authority are altogether false and that his family enterprise and fraternal racket is a swindle. Second, *because* complete files[3] of his propaganda literature

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[1] See our booklet, *Exclusive Right to Use of Rosicrucian Names,* or Book Four, Volume I, pp. 176 *et seq.,* to which Lewis did not reply in his *White Book D.*

[2] For convenience of reference, identification and comparison, we shall designate each quotation in the text from Mr. Lewis by a number in the parentheses preceding it. We regret that the limited space of this work will not permit the quotation of all of his contradictory and preposterous claims. However, we shall refer to many of them in the footnotes. It is, therefore, important to read the footnotes carefully.

[3] We have complete files of all his propaganda and promotional literature, publications and so-called lectures or lessons and rituals issued to date.

and publications, wherein he has from time to time made the various exorbitant, ridiculous, contradictory and impossible claims concerning his fraternal enterprise, are not available to the general reader and investigator. Third, *because,* when his principal claims are grouped so that the readers and investigators may compare and see the hopeless hodgepodge of contradictions, and may study and analyze them in the light of reason to determine their utter impossibility and absurdity, then it becomes obvious that they are snares and delusions—mere fraudulent devices for the promotion of a swindle.

Fabulous Claims

Preposterous Statements Are Badges of Fraud

Let us start with the beginning and review the principal claims of this fraternal racketeer, as nearly as possible, in their chronological order. Shortly after he launched his fabricated, fraudulent R. C. Order in 1915 he issued his first propaganda and promotional booklet under the title of *Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis,*[4] being "Official Publication Number Two AMORC," in which, with all the cunning of a "high-pressure" promoter and salesman of questionable and fraudulent wares, he made the most unique and fabulous claims for his newly fabricated, *"ancient"* secret and fraternal enterprise. These are set forth on pages 8 to 10 of the booklet under the bold heading: *A Few of the Claims for the Order,* which we number for convenience and discuss, as follows:

(1) "This, the oldest *secret* and *fraternal* order known to man."

This, notwithstanding that it was in the process of fabrication and it had not then been determined whether it would be modeled after and in imitation of the Masonic or Rosicrucian Fraternity. At that time Lewis called himself the *Grand Master General,*[5] a title, as we have seen, of the Freemasonic Order of Memphis-Mizraim, and the initiation was ceremonial, held only in the lodge room, as in a Masonic Lodge.[6]

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[4] The title page of this booklet is shown in our Reproduction No. 69. This is the name adopted by Lewis for his new fabrication. See our Booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* pp. 36 to 53, or Volume I, pp. 207 to 224.

[5] See our Reproduction No. 67.

[6] This is shown on page 13 of his first propaganda booklet from which we are quoting.

On the first page of the same booklet, which also purports to give the history, purposes and symbolism of this "oldest *secret*" Order, he states that:

> (2) "The *Supreme Council of the World*[7] and the highest authority of the Order now living agree that there are no reasons (except those of pride and love of mystery) why the *true* history of the Order should remain *secret*." (Official Publication Number Two, AMORC, p. 8.)

Whereupon he proceeds to unveil, briefly, the *"true"* history of the "Order." Now, it must be and is apparent to all that to write and publish the *true* history of the "oldest secret" Order, which "teaches the world's most profound secrets," or of any secret order, would of necessity expose its secret work. Therefore, and for that reason, the *true* history of the Rose Cross Order has not been written. The "Claims for the Order" continue:

An "Autocratic" Fabrication

> (3) "It is autocratic in nature, select and exclusive in membership." (*Id.*, p. 8.)

These representations are false in so far as they purport to relate to the authentic Rose Cross Order. Its membership is not exclusive. No sincere seeker is denied. It is select only in the sense that it seeks the sincere and would only bar the unworthy. There is no class distinction among the Rosicrucians. And the Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross is in no sense autocratic.[8] These are false conceptions of a fraternal racketeer and fabricator of a spurious R. C. Order which he later converted into a family enterprise or Hierarchy of Fraud. His claim that his fabrication is *"autocratic"* has been proven to be true by subsequent events. He now claims the AMORC is the exclusive property of the Lewis family; that "the Order" is a hierarchy consisting of himself, as Imperator; his wife, his son Ralph, as Supreme Grand Secretary; Ralph's wife and a fifth person whom the Imperator "hires and fires" when and

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[7] We have shown in Chapter IV, *supra,* that there exists no "Supreme Council of the World" with which Lewis has ever had any contact or connection.

[8] This has been discussed at some length in Part Three of Chapter IV, pp. 335 to 363, *supra,* in connection with Lewis' false claim that Rosicrucian Grand Masters are succeeded by their sons or near blood relations or the next of kin.

as he pleases, and that the paying members—the victims of his fraud—who supply the "Royal Revenues" for the Lewis Hierarchy are the "Brotherhood," but have no interest in and cannot become members of "the Order," except by special dispensation and royal decree of the Imperator, who may expel them therefrom at will under his autocratic power of excommunication, as we shall see in Chapter VI. However, the representation as to the "Brotherhood" of his fabrication being "select and exclusive in membership" is false, because it appears that "the Order," *i.e.*, the Lewis Hierarchy, have and will accept *any* and *all* applicants—whom they constantly solicit with high-pressure and widespread advertisements—as paying members of the "Brotherhood" who pay the entrance fee[9] and who remain in good standing only so long as they continue to pay the regular dues of two dollars per month. The next claim for "the Order" is that:

> (4) "It has an *initiation* and many *degrees,* just as has Masonry, and the members meet with their *Officers* in a *Temple* where the *Grand Master* conducts a *service* as solemn and as inspiring as any held in the most high churches, yet without religious dogmas or creeds and *teaching* and *instructing* rather than preaching." (*Id.,* p. 8.)

Here we see clearly his original design to model his fabrication after Masonry, to operate exclusively under a lodge system, with ceremonial initiation degrees and with temple lectures, but the plan did not pay, so it was soon enlarged to include national members with lectures by mail,[1] as we shall presently see.

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[9] In a published letter to Lewis, dated April 5, 1935, A. Leon Batchelor, former Grand Treasurer of AMORC, said to and of Lewis: "Through exaggerated advertising, which is against the rules of the Order, you have taken the money and issued membership to *anyone* who sent in the $5.00 initiation fee. You have reduced the high and dignified plane of the order to the level of a commercial correspondence school with much ballyhoo and falsehood." We have commented on Mr. Batchelor's letter in Volume I, p. 401, *et seq.* In 1929 we find Mr. Lewis explaining: "It is true that we have lost, and continue to lose every year, a few members who find it uncomfortable to belong to an organization that is not more exclusive in its selection of applicants for membership." *The Mystic Triangle,* January, 1912, Volume VI, No. 12, p. 707. In the *American Rosae Crucis,* February, 1916, p. 34, he declared that "the teachings of our Order are not for everyone." But in his propaganda booklet, *"Rosicrucian Illumination,"* p. 4, he declared that his fabrication shared "its benefits with all"—that is, with "every worthy and sincere applicant." Subsequent events have demonstrated that he considers all applicants worthy who have the fees.

[1] This is also shown to be true by statement of William Riesener, former Grand Mas-

Gross Exaggerations

Out of Proportion to All Reason

Gross exaggerations seem to please the gullible, to lull them into submission and to make them obedient supporting members of hierarchies of fraud. However, when they are out of proportion to all reason they are guiding signs and signals to the wise to beware and are *Badges of Fraud.*

Let us, therefore, consider some of the most ridiculously exaggerated claims which he made for his fabrication when he launched it in 1915. They are (still quoting from his first propaganda booklet) as follows:

> (5) "It is purely scientific, philosophical and helpful—mentally, morally[2] and physically.
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> "The world's *greatest* physicians, scientists, philosophers, writers, thinkers and *doers* have been Rosaecrucians, many of them officers of various lodges.
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> "Rosaecrucianism is a philosophy, a science, an art and a secret—all of these inseparable and *one!* The *Alpha* and *Omega* of all learning.
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> "It teaches the world's most profound secrets. It explains life and its phenomena; it makes plain *biology* and *ontology*; it reveals life and death in a different light from that generally understood. It deals as comprehensively with cosmogony, astrology[3] (the origi-

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ter of California, who financed the reorganization of AMORC in San Francisco, 1920 to 1925, in an interview of April 18, 1936, from which we have heretofore quoted. Mr. Riesener said: "When Mr. Lewis organized the AMORC he intended that it should be all temple work, as he contended that the lessons and lectures could not be put into written form except for the masters of the temple to read to their pupils, but all that is changed now. It is all written, and the mail-order members know nothing whatever of the temple work, but they get the same lessons as the temple members. . . . I cannot believe some of the things he is charged with. I think it is a mistake to accuse him of being connected with Crowley and the O. T. O. I have his rituals upstairs, and the ceremonials of the AMORC Temple degrees are most beautiful and impressive and nothing like what Crowley would have." Thus it was that the original "initiation" in AMORC was ritualistic, ceremonial and symbolical, like Masonry with temple lectures on each degree.

[2] Especially his sex teachings and the Black Magic of Crowley. See Part Five of Chapter IV, *supra.*

[3] In his early literature he lays claims to teaching astrology; had much to say about horoscopes. Note what he said about the horoscope of Alfred H. Saunders a few pages back near the end of Chapter V. In *The Triangle* of September 29, 1921, p. 3, he advertised a course of lessons in "Practical Astrology" at $5.00 per complete course.

nal science of astronomy as taught by the Rosaecrucians first) and geology as with metallurgy, medicine, art and philosophy.

"It takes from science in all its branches the great mysteries which have defied solution by the lay mind and the uninitiated." (*Id.*, pp. 8-9.)

The true Order is scientific, philosophical and religious. Its secret work is deep and profound. In its long and honorable existence a number of men of ability and eminence have been connected with the August Fraternity, but it has *never claimed*, nor has any Rosicrucian *ever claimed for it*, that the world's *greatest* men in *every* endeavor and walk of life have been Rosicrucians, and that it has a monopoly on learning and wisdom. No Rosicrucian would claim that Rosicrucianism is the *beginning* and the *end* of all learning. An initiate of the Order might in modesty admit that the Order teaches a sublime philosophy, the pure principles of religion, the occult sciences and the deeper laws of nature, and that he is seeking more light and ultimately *The Light*. Therefore, it is obvious that these bombastic claims, exaggerated beyond all reason, are the claims of a charlatan and pretender made for the promotion of a spurious order and not on behalf of the authentic Order of the Rosy Cross.

Bombastic Inflated Promotion

Continuing in the same propaganda booklet the claims for his spurious R. C. Order, Mr. Lewis asserts:

(6) "It has naught to do with any religious sect, but vests its power in God and in the Grand Master.[4]

"It is the most powerful secret organization in the world today, with millions of members in every country on the globe.

"Six of the Kings of France, three of the Emperors of Germany

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See also *The Mystic Triangle,* September, 1928, p. 574, where he stresses the importance of astrology. However, when he began to fight the Max Heindel organization, the *Rosicrucian Fellowship* which does teach astrology, and also after he discovered that the authentic R. C. Order does not teach astrology, he changed his tune and very emphatically denied that AMORC taught astrology, to show that his and not Mrs. Max Heindel's organization was the true Order. His literature in recent years contains many statements to the effect that his fake R. C. Order and family racket do not teach astrology. This, however, is only a minor contradiction and inconsistency.

[4] The last Kaiser of Germany placed himself upon a parity and equality with God, but he was unable to hold his position and has since retired.

and five of the Kings of England were Grand Masters of the Order.[5]

"There are Chapters and Lodges of the Order in every country in the world today, including America.

"It is the *real* Universal Brotherhood and Sisterhood and proclaims the equality of the sexes and the unity of man and woman.

"It brings together physicians, scientists, artists, artisans, mechanics, lawyers and laymen in one unit, working for one end—the betterment of mankind and the uplifting and unfoldment of the individual's character, personality and abilities for material and moral achievement.

"It makes of all members real Brothers and Sisters;[6] it makes the humblest mechanic or artisan in America the equal, the peer, of the most powerful ruler in Europe, not by humiliation, but by the true law of equality."[7] (*Id.*, pp. 8-9.)

The authentic Fraternity has never made idle boasts. Idle boasting is not Rosicrucianism. It has never claimed to be the "most powerful secret organization in the world," with millions of members, with Chapters and Lodges in every country in the world. Such a boastful, bombastic claim is ridiculous upon its face.

Speaking with knowledge of the true tradition, the inner unwritten law and the real history of the Order of the Rosy Cross, as shown by the secret archives, we assert as a historical fact that no King of France or of England and no Emperor of Germany has been a Grand Master of the Order. Therefore, the statement that fourteen Kings and Emperors have been Grand Masters of the Order—preposterous on its face—must be regarded as wholly fictitious and highly fantastic.

These extravagant and absurd claims made by a pseudo-Rosicrucian who displays complete and contemptible ignorance of Rosicrucian fundamentals need no further comment from us. It is

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[5] This claim should not be taken seriously; it is only the megalomania of a young promoter whose ego was expanding into infinite greatness, who was fabricating a fraternal racket worthy of his exalted self, that he might be the Imperator of the "most powerful organization in the world."

[6] All members of AMORC may have been regarded as "real brothers and sisters" in the beginning of the fabricated Order, but in 1928 Lewis converted it into a family racket, and now he claims that only members of his family are members of the Order—that the *Lewis family is the Order* and that the paying members of AMORC do not belong to the Order, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

[7] The foregoing claims as made by Lewis are correctly quoted. We have rearranged the paragraphs in groups for convenience of discussion.

apparent that they are the claims of a pretender and fraternal racketeer made as promotional propaganda for his newly fabricated Masonic-like spurious R. C. Order. They are the frenzied reveries of an impostor—the fantastic and illusionary ballyhoo of a fakir and cheat; they are the preposterous, extravagant, Don Quixotic romancing of an expanding ego building glorious castles out of golden day dreams and airy nothings to appease its vanity and to satisfy its longing for greatness; and, last but not least, they are the inventions and false representations of an unscrupulous sophist to promote his fraudulent fraternal enterprise. They are so high-flown, so improvised and impossible that they mark it a fabrication and a swindle from the beginning unto the end. They may be food for the gullible, soothing potions for the credulous, but to the thoughtful and the wise they are *Badges of Fraud.*

First Published Claim

The Order "Born" in America

Most likely the first published claim made by Mr. Lewis to foreign Rosicrucian authority, as an excuse for the fabrication of his spurious so-called Order, or in justification therefor, was set forth in said first propaganda booklet—"Official Publication Number Two," on pages 9 and 10, as follows:

> (7) "On the 9th of August, 1909, the present *Grand Master* of the Order in America again renewed his eighth annual application for the privilege of establishing the Order in America (the United States). Already prepared in the principles, he was given the final tests in the City of Toulouse, France, where the Grand Lodge was established in 883 A.D., under the *charge* given to one Arnaud II of royal lineage.[8] The necessary papers were prepared, certain jewels assigned and the sponsorship guaranteed by Raynaud Emil de Bellecastle-Ligne, Grand Master of the R. C. Order in France and its colonies. The papers permitted public negotiations to be made in the United States *only* after January 1, 1915, for the year 1915 was the one designated centuries before as the proper time for the Order

[8] To have *"royal lineage"* and many kings and emperors as a background for his fabrication seemed to be essential in his mind for the establishment of "the Order" in America. This, though, like all of his ideas of false superiority and vanity, runs through all of his puffed-up promotional propaganda. See page 284, *supra,* of this volume.

to be born[9] in America." (*Id.,* pp. 9-10.)

It is apparent from his first published statement that he launched his spurious, so-called R. C. Order, "established" it in the United States and caused it to be "born" in America[1] without *charter* and without any authority whatever, as will be conclusively affirmed as we proceed. His credentials, as we have seen, consisted of a "Black Book" and "charter" which he made himself,[2] certain *jewels*[3] and "sponsorship *guaranteed*"[4] by Raynaud Emil de Bellecastle-Ligne, a mythical Grand Master of the R. C. Order in France with alleged headquarters in Toulouse, which did not exist at that time and has not since existed. The Grand Lodge and the Supreme Council of France in Toulouse was and is a fiction—a myth—a device for the fabrication, promotion and perpetuation of his fraudulent "ancient and mystical" R. C. Order.

By Mythical "Sponsorship" Only

No R. C. Authority for His Fabrication

Although he made or caused to be made and "exhibited" certain "papers" from time to time, which he claimed and falsely alleged were given him in some mysterious way by some strangely mystical and unknown method, the exclusive authority to establish the only true Rosicrucian Order in America, perpetuating the original and genuine teachings, rituals and laws thereof, and notwithstanding that in 1921 he received his certificate of honorary membership in the O. T. O. and the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Freemasonic Order of Memphis-Mizraim for Switzerland, Germany and Austria, which he falsely claimed to be a Rosicrucian Charter[5]—which is not

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[9] It is important to note that "only after January 1, 1915," could the order be *born.* Later he changed it to *"reborn"* and changed the birth date, as we shall presently show.

[1] As a matter of fact, it was *Made in America,* fabricated entirely by Lewis from his meager knowledge of the Rose Cross and the gossamer filaments of his prolific imagination.

[2] See our booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* p. 30, or Volume I, p. 202.

[3] Jewels were a very important and necessary implement of fabrication, as we shall see as we proceed.

[4] "Guaranteed" sponsorship is another unique feature of the still more unique fabrication.

[5] See our Reproduction No. 40 and translation thereof, pp. 281 to 283, and the text of Chapter IV, Parts One and Five, *supra.*

a charter at all and which Lewis *knew* was *not* a charter—conferring upon him Rosicrucian authority or giving unto him Rosicrucian "recognition," yet thereafter and as late as December, 1926, we find him abandoning all claims of authority by charter and reverting to his original false claim of "sponsorship," which he asserts in these words:

> (8) "But, the fact remains that Rosicrucian bodies can be formed in *only one way,* by *sponsorship* and guidance by a superior Rosicrucian *body* possessing and retaining the *ancient* authority, rituals, constitution and system as well as the pure teachings FREE FROM ALLIANCE WITH ANYTHING BUT PURE ROSICRUCIANISM.[6]
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> ". . . The AMORC in America today is the only Rosicrucian organization affiliated with the international bodies [how many such bodies?] of Rosicrucians throughout the world. It is the only Rosicrucian body in America having received authority, powers, rights and assistance [how?] from a competent *body of Rosicrucians* of the *ancient lineage* and through the See of Toulouse,[7] the recognized [by whom?] and traditional international seat of true Rosicrucianism for many centuries.
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> "Likewise the AMORC in America, as in dozens [?] of foreign lands, is the only Rosicrucian organization using the original and true Rituals, Titles, Degrees, symbols and secret work, as translated, revised and adopted from century to century under competent authority[8] and approved by the various international Rosicrucian Congresses.[9] And it is the only such body in America adhering to the true *ancient* traditions, keeping itself clean and wholesome, free from

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[6] The italics are ours. The capitalized emphasis is Mr. Lewis'. The fact that he knows nothing of pure Rosicrucianism and has never conducted his spurious Order as and in accordance with the well-known and elementary principles of the Rosicrucians is proof within itself that his fabrication is a fraud which is fully corroborated by a great mass of other evidence.

[7] We shall later show herein by statement of J. Bricaud that no Rose Cross Lodge existed at Toulouse.

[8] The "competent authority" who prepared and revised the rituals and teachings of AMORC is H. Spencer Lewis, and the manner in which he copied and fabricated the same is shown throughout this work. The titles which he first used were Masonic, not Rosicrucian, and the symbols which he fabricated and adopted are shown in our Reproduction No. 68 to be presently discussed.

[9] As to his International R. C. Conventions and Congresses, these were effectively disposed of and shown to be non-existent in Chapter IV, *supra.* In the same magazine at page 215 he gives a glowing account of an International R. C. Conclave at Toulouse which he attended in 1926. It is like unto the glowing accounts of International Masonic Congresses. See p. 271, *supra.* We do not have space to review Lewis' account of the Congress that was not held in Toulouse in 1926, but the investigator will do well

sex teachings,[1] political arguments or misleading affiliations, bearing the authority of Count de Bellecastle-Ligne as Hierophant of the International Council and having the sole American representations in the recent and past International Rosicrucian Congresses." (*The Mystic Triangle,* December, 1926, pp. 241-242.)

Therefore, it does appear conclusively from his own statement that his original claim to Rosicrucian authority, at least from 1915 to 1927, was based upon the alleged "Sponsorship" of *one de Bellecastle-Ligne,* irrespective of his many different and careless statements concerning the same, and regardless of whether he was the alleged "Grand Master of France," the mythical "Hierophant of the International Council" is entirely non-existent. As we proceed we shall carefully examine into these claims and show that they are snares and delusions.

The Randolph Foundation of the R. C.

Its Prior and Present Existence Known to Lewis

Immediately following his statement, in our quotation (7), that "The Papers," *i.e.,* his self-made and spurious papers, "permitted public negotiations to be made in the United States *only after* January 1, 1915, for the year 1915 was the one designated centuries before for the Order to be born in America," he says:

(9) ". . . This is why the attempts of Dr. Randolph and one or more other Rosicrucians of foreign initiation to establish the Order in this country within the past hundred years have always failed. The necessary papers, co-operation and privilege could not be secured even regardless of the fact that Dr. Randolph was one of the foremost men of the Order who ever lived in this country and was at one time the Grand Master of the R. C. Lodge in France, which was attended by one of the Napoleons." (*Official Publication Number Two, AMORC,* p. 10.)

This was his contrivance, his patched-up excuse and futile apology for attempting to establish his spurious R. C. Order in the United States, in territory that was then occupied by the authentic

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to study it carefully. See *The Mystic Triangle,* October, November, December, 1926; January, 1927.

[1] The manner in which he has kept AMORC clean, wholesome and free from sex teachings has been shown in the last preceding chapter.

Rosicrucian Order, which had then been established for more than fifty years and has never at any time ceased to be active and continuous since it, the first American Supreme Grand Lodge, was established in 1858 by Dr. P. B. Randolph, whom he then and there *conceded* to be a *real* Rosicrucian, one of the *foremost* men of the Order and a former Grand Master of the Rosy Cross of France, and from which Lewis claimed "sponsorship" for his fabrication.

In Book Four of Volume I[2] we have established beyond doubt and cavil that Lewis knew of the existence of the Randolph Foundation. His excuse and argument to avoid the existence of the well-established authentic Order in this country was based upon the subterfuge[3] that the true Order was only a "publishing company" publishing Rosicrucian books.

At the time he fabricated and launched his fraudulent R. C. Order he was fully acquainted with the universal fraternal landmark, recognized by all genuine fraternities and brotherhoods, which forbids the establishment of the same Order or fraternity in occupied territory even by, through or under a duly authorized and authentic charter, and he was also entirely familiar with the law of prior usage of fraternal symbols and names, as is shown by his statements[4] published in *The American Rosae Crucis*, January, 1916, page 4, and October, 1917, pages 195 to 197 inclusive.

Yet, notwithstanding all of this, he went forward with the establishment of his fraudulent device and spurious order in the face of and contrary to all established fraternal law, attempting to justify his action on the fiction born of his own imagination that the Order of the Rosy Cross could not be established in America until after January, 1915, and the faulty argument—fallacious in fact and in logic—that he (Lewis), claiming foreign initiation, ceremoniously conferred in *one short nightly session*, with only a "jewel," some "papers" and a mythical "sponsorship" from a non-existing lodge

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[2] Volume I, pp. 176 to 267 inclusive. For his own quoted statements, see pp. 195 to 224 or see our booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* pp. 24 to 53 inclusive.

[3] See his quoted statement, Volume I, pp. 219-220, or the booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* p. 48, as published by him October, 1917.

[4] The reader and investigator in connection herewith is earnestly requested and urged to carefully read and study his statements set forth and commented upon in Book Four of Volume I or in the booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* especially on pp. 207 to 224 in Volume I and on pp. 36 to 52 of the booklet.

or council, was permitted to do and could successfully do that which a genuine Rosicrucian and Grand Master[5] could not do. That, indeed, is queer reasoning, unique logic, but as sound and as true as any of the false and ridiculous claims upon which he founded his spurious Order—verily, it is truly typical thereof.

The "Necessary Papers"

A "Black Book" and "Charter" Made by Himself

Continuing with the announcement contained in his first propaganda booklet, he says that:

> (10) "With the necessary papers[6] and assistance from the *Supreme Council of France,* the Order was established in America in February, 1915, and a Supreme American Council appointed[7] April 1, 1915; and in September of the same year, after the Grand Lodge of America was in work in New York City, a visit to the Grand Master was paid by Mons. Jerome T. Verdier, *Magi of the Supreme Council of France* in Toulouse. His approval was given to the plans then under way for State lodges in every State of the Union and for local lodges in the principal cities. Final instructions, seals and secret papers were delivered into the hands of the American Grand Master after an examination of official reports; and approval was given of the delivery into the hands of the Grand Master of certain other papers and jewels by agents selected by the French *Council.* These gave to America authoritative working instructions and power through *devious* sources unknown to the Grand Master in America, but delivered in due time in accordance with the laws." (*Id.,* pp. 10-11.)

With "the Order" established in February, 1915, his "Supreme Council" appointed on April 1, 1915, and the Councils in France, having delivered to him in December, 1914, "through many sources

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[5] See Book Six, Volume I, pp. 412 to 463.

[6] The *"necessary first papers,"* according to Lewis, were an *"illuminated charter to be signed by the selected Councilors,"* which he selected, *"and the first Black Book,"* which he admits he prepared himself. See his statement to this effect in *The American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1916, p. 11, quoted in Volume I, p. 201, or booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* pp. 29-30.

[7] As shown by Lewis' statement in *The American Rosae Crucis* in July, 1916, at p. 13, "about thirty of the most active workers met . . . and therewith in due form constituted themselves the Supreme Council, signed an illuminated charter declaring authoritative, proper and legal establishment of the AMORC in America." For quotation of his statement in full, see Volume I, p. 202, or said booklet, p. 31.

and many persons various *articles, papers* and *jewels* with which to establish the Order,"[8] one wonders why, in his delirious imagination and ignorance of Rosicrucian affairs, he deemed it necessary to have the mythical "Magi" of the non-existing "Supreme Council of France in Toulouse" pay a secret visit to America to deliver to him final instructions, seals and secret papers, to give approval to the delivery of other papers and *jewels* by agents selected by the French Council, through *devious* sources—unknown to him—but delivered in due time in accordance with the laws, which gave him authoritative working instructions and power.

When his various statements as to the strange, most unusual and mysterious manner in which he received his authority and power to establish his fraudulent R. C. Order in America are casually read, one may conclude that they might form the basis of a fairly good fictitious mystery story, but when they are carefully checked, compared and analyzed and their nonsensical ridiculousness, utter falseness and designing purpose become so apparent, they can be accounted for and understood only as *fraudulent devices* for the promotion of a fraternal swindle.

Because this is true, we urge the investigator, *especially* the *official investigator*, to secure all of Lewis' literature, his advertisements, propaganda booklets, testimony in courts and lessons, lectures or so-called secret work and carefully compare and analyze them in the light of reason and truth. Space will not permit us to make anything like a complete comparison or analysis. However, we shall be able to point out sufficient of his ridiculous inconsistencies and contradictions and obviously false claims to convince any reasonable person that his so-called R. C. Order was from beginning and is today a fraudulent scheme. Many of these contradictions and absurdities will be pointed out in the footnotes. Therefore, it will be necessary that the *footnotes be read* and followed carefully.

Continuing with his announcement in the first propaganda booklet in 1915, he proclaims:

AMERICAN ORGANIZATION COMPLETE

(11) "The American Constitution—based upon the French Con-

[8] See his statement of February, 1916, quoted in Volume I, p. 199, or the booklet, *Rosicrucian Names*, p. 28.

stitution[9]—the *complete* laws and rulings, *all* degree *work* and *ceremonies*[1] and dies, *seals* and *special symbols* have been completed and approved [by himself?], and the American Supreme Council is *now* in charge of the Order's affairs in America. . . . The Order in America will operate under its Charter,[2] signed by the Council [*by himself and his selected Council*] and will exist legally under another Charter from the State of New York [which was never granted]. The American Council and the Officers of the Grand Lodge[3] will have the Supreme power in all Rosaecrucian matters in the United States and dependencies." (*Id.*, p. 11. The italics are ours.)

Again one wonders that, inasmuch as the "laws and rulings, all *degree work* and ceremonies and dies (whatever may be their purpose or use), *seals* and *special* symbols" were completed in 1915, why it was necessary for Lewis to continue to collect seals, jewels and papers—why it was necessary for him continually unto this day to secure additional charters, important documents, new *teachings* and further "recognition." That he deemed it necessary casts a cloud of suspicion upon his nefarious scheme, and the circumstances proclaim themselves to be *Badges of Fraud.*

How Fabricated

Why the Name Was Used

The manner in which he fabricated the AMORC in 1915 and his excuse for the adoption of a Rosicrucian appellation for the fabrication originally designed and modeled after the Masonic Fraternity is shown by numerous quotations from the published statements of Mr. Lewis in our Booklet, *The Right to the Exclusive Use of Rosicrucian Names* (pages 27 to 53), and republished as Book Four of Volume I hereof (pages 198 to 224).

The reader and investigator is earnestly requested to read and carefully study those quoted statements in connection with the sub-

[9] C. W. Wheelock, of New York City, who was a member of the first "Supreme Council," was also a member of the committee which drafted the first Constitution. He says that they "had no French Constitution to go by; that they used printed Constitutions of other fraternal orders and *patched up* a Constitution to please themselves and to satisfy Lewis."

[1] This is further evidence that he modeled his first fabrication after the Masonic Order with degree work and ceremonial initiation.

[2] Presently we shall set forth this "charter" as published by Lewis.

[3] The Lewis family is now the Council and Supreme Officers. See Chapter VI.

ject matter here under consideration. They will be referred to in the footnotes, compared with other conflicting and contradictory statements quoted and discussed in the text of this chapter. They will not be requoted, unless it is deemed advisable or necessary to complete the quotations herein made or to make clear and maintain the continuity of the text of this chapter.

It is sufficient to say at this point that those confused and contradictory statements show very clearly that he fabricated his fraternal racket and stole a Rosicrucian name for it, in complete ignorance of the authentic Rose Cross Order, *without* authority or right from any source and under the false claim of a fictitious "sponsorship" of a mythical Grand Master of a non-existent R. C. Grand Lodge.

The "Special Symbols"

Specially Designed and Made by Lewis

The "Seal and Special Symbols" referred to by Lewis in quotation (11) as having been "completed and approved" were designed, made and adopted by himself and published on page 5 of his first propaganda booklet as "the only *true marks* of the Order which he says distinguish it from all others—which is one of the few truthful statements made by him in connection with the fabrication and promotion of his fraternal swindle. With the single exception of the Rosy Cross, which he uses wrongfully and without authority in connection with his specially designed and wholly fabricated originally adopted symbols, not one of said symbols are Rosicrucian symbols.

For convenience of the reader, we have reproduced these "special symbols." Referring to our Reproduction No. 68, beginning at the top of the page and reading from left to right, let us examine the "true marks" of his fabrication which *distinguish* it from all others.

The first is the *"General Symbol of the Order in the World,"* which is an inverted triangle—the universally known and accepted sign and symbol of *Black Magic*—with a plain (*not Rosy*) cross inserted therein. *Truly* and *certainly*, this is a *sign* which *distinguishes* his fabrication and spurious R. C. Order from all true and genuine Rose Cross Orders. Judging it by his Black Magic teach-

ing, as shown in Part V of the last preceding chapter, and his deceptive and *anti*-White Magic methods, as shown throughout this work, the "General Symbol" was not adopted inadvertently, but with intent to show the true nature of his organization and as a "sign" of recognition of the Black Brotherhood throughout the world. The use of the cross in connection with the sign of Black Magic is a wilful and unforgivable desecration of a holy symbol, and his denial of the true nature of his organization, as shown by its Black Magic signs, symbols and teachings, is despicable deception and a Badge of Fraud and Degradation.

The second is "The Great Seal of the American Supreme Council," which is intended to be a rose with the "General Symbol" and sign of Black Magic imposed upon it.

The third, the "sign of the American Publication Committee," is another fabrication. It is made by imposing the inverted triangle—the sign of black magic—on the base of the Patriarchal Cross, which is an insult to every religion, ancient or modern, and every holy order using this cross as one of their sacred symbols. This cross has never been a symbol of the Rosicrucians.

The fourth, "The Seal of the Founder," is distinctive of the Lewis fabrication, a design of his own making and adoption. It has never been used as a part of the symbolism of the Rosy Cross.

The fifth, the "Emblem worn by the Brothers and Sisters," is a tell-tale fabrication which may be said to be symbolical of his Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle. It is made by combining the compass of the Masons with the Rosy Cross of the Rosicrucians. This, as we have noted, is further evidence of his use and misuse of Masonry in the fabrication and promotion of his spurious R. C. Order.

The sixth, "The Rosae Crucis," is the *Rosy Cross,* the well-known symbol of the authentic Fraternity. The use of this symbol in connection with his synthetic fraternal fake and school of Black Magic is not only a miserable desecration of a holy symbol, but it is viciously fraudulent, more so than falsely selling adulterated and poisonous food under a brand well known, established by reason of its purity and sterling quality—*because* this unscrupulous fraternal racketeer is trafficking in brotherly love while appealing in a "holier-than-thou" attitude to the noblest sentiments and higher spiritual aspirations of mankind and thus selling his false, mystic wares and spreading his anti-Christ doctrines and Black Magic

teachings under the holy symbol of a genuine occult and spiritual Order.

Masonic Titles and Symbols

Combined With Signs of Black Magic

The seventh is "The Seal and Sign of the Secretary General." It is made by placing the inverted triangle—the sign of Black Magic—beneath a Grecian cross and desecrating and misusing another holy symbol.

The eighth is the *"Great Seal of the Grand Master General"*—a Masonic title. It is made by placing the Cross of the Christian Church and the compass of the Masons within an *inverted* triangle and *broken* circle—the vicious sign of the Black Brotherhood and the broken circle of death and destruction. A more depraved abuse of holy symbols of worthy things can scarcely be imagined. Surely, such an unthinkable combination of the symbols of the ultra-good with the signs of the debased and the damned is the product of a distorted imagination and a depraved heart.

The ninth, *"The Sacred Insignia of the Grand Master General"* of this Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle fabricated in 1915, is made in close and deceptive imitation of Masonic signature seals and used by Lewis in connection with his alleged official Rosicrucian signature as Imperator[4] of his hierarchy of fraternal fraud.

These fabricated symbols of a fraternal racket, combining religious, Masonic and Rosicrucian symbols with the sign of Black Magic and with the "sacred insignia" of the Grand Master General of the fabrication made in close and deceptive imitation of Masonic signature seals, is still further evidence of Lewis' intention and purpose to fabricate his fraternal racket in close imitation of Masonry and to Masonically promote it under a Rosicrucian name. If there were the least doubt that such were his intentions and purpose, that doubt is completely dispelled by his statement in his second propaganda booklet issued in New York in 1917, which

[4] This has been discussed throughout this work, particularly in Chapter III of this volume, p. 142, *supra,* and Chapter IV, p. 263, *supra.*

is as follows:

THE TEMPLE LECTURES

(12) "But more wonderful than all our beautiful, ancient, *symbolical* and sacred *ceremonies*[5] [fabricated about the year 1915] are the illuminating, startling, mystifying lectures and demonstrations in the *Temples.*

"Each one of the twelve degrees of our Order consists of a *night of Initiation*,[6] followed by seven to ten lecture nights, usually two each month, *held in the Temple.*

"These lectures are given by the Masters of each Lodge,[7] while the Brothers and Sisters sit with notebooks and take notes in signs, symbols and words.

"The lectures consist of a series of laws and explanations, based on the *ancient* teachings and *added to continuously* by the new findings [in books] and discoveries of the Master Minds of the World.[8] Subjects which have never been taught or explained [as Lewis teaches and explains them!] outside of *our Order* [his fabrication] are made so plain, so simple and so practical that demonstrations are possible at home and in the Temple.

"No theories are given, no hypotheses, but proven laws which even the greatest schools of medicine, chemistry, physics, physiology, psychology or biology *do not know or even dream of.*[9]

"From degree to degree there are examinations for efficiency, proficiency and attainment, until finally in the higher degree the Brothers and Sisters become Masters of the strangest laws[1] ever known.

"Rosaecrucians are practical workers, not dreamers. They know

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[5] This is proof sufficient that his fabrication was and is not a Rose Cross Order. True Rosicrucian initiation is not by symbolical ceremonies, as shown herein and as is well known to all who are informed on the subject.

[6] As we shall later see, Lewis also claims that he was completely initiated and "made a Rosicrucian" in a *single* nightly session in France in 1909, which, of course, was an impossibility. See quotation (21).

[7] See Mr. Riesener's statement in footnote, *supra.*

[8] Mr. Lewis and his staff are the "master minds" which fabricated the "ancient" teachings of his spurious Order. See his lessons quoted throughout this work, especially Volume I, pp. 279 to 334.

[9] Another example of exaggeration and over-inflated propaganda—another *Badge of Fraud.*

[1] Masters of the "strangest" Black Magic and degrading *Sex* practices as taught in the higher degrees—such as the lessons on the Tenth and Eleventh Grades, shown in Part Five of Chapter IV, *supra.*

and know that they know. Therein lies their power, their strength, their love for each other and all mankind, and their *devotion to God*[2] and God's laws, for they know God and know God's laws as no one else can know them.

"The lectures are held in *secret,* in sacred form, with tiled (or securely closed and protected) Lodges, so that no one but a tested, tried, true, initiated member may ever learn a single word of the secrets there revealed." (Italics are ours. *Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, p. 16.)

On the next page of the same propaganda booklet he caused the then "Secretary General" of his fabrication to address a communication, which we shall later review, to his very much exalted self in this manner:

(13) "In the Name of the Grand Architect of the Universe:[3]

"Before the Sign of the Cross, Greetings:

"To my Very Venerable and Very Exalted Supreme Grand Master General[4] of the Order Rosae Crucis, H. Spencer Lewis, Imperator of the North American continent and Chevalier,[5] and Commander-in-Chief of the Militant Order of Knights of the Rosy Cross:

"Respected Brother and Sire: . . . etc." (*Rosicrucian Initiation,* p. 17.)

Charitable-Like Masonry

But Not Exactly and Entirely So

On another page of the same propaganda booklet, wherein he tells of the most unusual and phenomenal growth of his fabrication,

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[2] In the beginning he made many conflicting and contradictory claims as to his fabrication being or not being a *religious organization.* However, in recent years, since he began the teaching of degrading sex doctrines and its conversion into an organization of the Black Brotherhood, he has consistently maintained that AMORC is *not a religious* organization. See Volume I, pp. 335 to 375, especially 375. We shall later in this chapter review his contradictory statements on this subject.

[3] All Masons will recognize the significance of this terminology and will know that it is typically Masonic.

[4] The use of this title in connection with his fabrication is an infringement of the Masonic Order of Memphis-Mizraim.

[5] Here he assumes to be and has himself addressed as a French Knight or nobleman, a member of the French Legion of Honor. Indeed, nothing is beyond the reach of this "Very Venerable and Very Exalted Supreme Grand Master General" of fraternal fabrication and fraud.

which completely collapsed a few months thereafter, as will presently appear, he said:

> (14) "No other philosophical, *religious,* educational or scientific organization or movement has ever grown so rapidly and so enthusiastically as ours. . . .
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> "There are no regular assessments in addition to dues for funds of a personal nature, and all surplus of moneys are used in propaganda work[6] or private *charitable work*[7] known only to members.
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> "Bear in mind also that NO OFFICERS OF OUR LODGES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY RECEIVE ANY SALARIES OR COMMISSIONS,[8] and we have no so-called 'paid organizers.' This being true, the rapid growth of the Order in America—unequaled by the growth of no other society or organization—speaks eloquently for the value of the teachings and benefits which our members receive from the Order." (Italics are ours. *Rosicrucian Initiation,* p. 12.)

When we take the foregoing corroborative evidence into consideration with the overwhelming proof on the subject set forth in this work, it is conclusive and obvious that his fabricated Order and fraternal racket have been from the beginning and are now a *Masonic-Rosicrucian swindle.*

Official Self-Laudation

To Gratify His Vanity—Also as Propaganda

In January, 1916, Mr. Lewis began the publication of his first

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[6] Lewis has testified in court proceedings that the expenditure for advertising and propaganda amounts to more than $50,000 per annum.

[7] One of the notable and outstanding features of Masonry is its charitable work. One of the grounds on which M. McB. Thomson was convicted of Masonic fraud was because he used none of the funds collected for charity. See *Thomson Masonic Fraud,* p. 242, where the court said: "Not one dollar of it was ever used for the business of the society, except to carry on this work of getting members. Not one word of charity or charitable funds or anything of that kind before the court." The Constitution of AMORC, Article XI, Sec. 31, now provides that the funds shall not be invested in any bonds "unless in a national emergency," when the Board of Directors, the Lewis family, "may purchase some government bonds or state or city bonds of a guaranteed and protected nature, *solely as a humanitarian gesture.*" (Our italics.) No provision is made for charity.

[8] It is also a distinguishing feature of the Masonic and Rosicrucian fraternities that their Masters and Officers receive no salaries or compensation. H. Spencer Lewis and his son Ralph receive large salaries and their families receive enormous benefits from the AMORC, which is now the sole and exclusive family racket, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

official propaganda organ under the name of *The American Rosae Crucis*, issued and copyrighted by the Culture Publishing Company, being "A Monthly Magazine Devoted to Science, Philosophy and *Religion*" (our italics), "Official Organ of Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis." In the second (February) issue of said official organ, on page 17, under the conspicuous heading: H. SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C., he has the following to say in unusual glorification of himself, to wit:

> (15) "From childhood *our Master* has seemed to be a prolific writer on deep and *unusual subjects*,[9] having the rare ability to so analyze and present the laws and principles of science that they become interesting to the lay mind. He insists that his *peculiar* insight, his *seeming* familiarity with the *ancient* and more *modern* sciences, is due to experiences in some previous incarnation.[1] His writings, which have been published in many publications and reference books, certainly indicate a most unusual knowledge of the laws underlying all phenomena of life.
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> "It is not remarkable, then, that even as a young man his work should have attracted the attention of men of science—especially Rosicrucians—in Europe. He was *unanimously* elected to Honorary Membership to the Societe Philomatique of Verdun, France, and to the Internaciona Ciencala Societo of Spain and the Societo di Arti e Cienci of France.* In 1904 he was made a *Fellow* of the *Franco Ecole R. C.* and given the Degree of *Doctor of Psychology*, and in

[9] The Editor of *The O. E. Library Critic*, June-July issue of 1936, at p. 10, in commenting on Lewis' testimony in the case of RANKIN *vs.* AMORC, said, "The story is long and uninteresting, but a comic feature of the trial was that the AMORC Imperator stated on cross-examination that he had been in the advertising business for twenty-five years, but gave it up in 1917 to devote all of his time to AMORC." As a matter of fact, he had no business except the business of fabricating and promoting the AMORC. In 1916 he was appealing to his friends for financial assistance. "The attorney for Rankin pointed out that 1917 minus 25 equals 1892 and that the Imperator was born in 1883. Hence he was in the advertising business at the early age of nine years. Surprising? Not exactly. Considering his display of wisdom in his AMORC documents and his mastery of the technique of getting people to accept his claims, one wonders whether he was not like Tsong-Ka-Pa, born with a full set of teeth and a long beard."

[1] Thus he attributes his "*peculiar* insight" and most unusual scientific knowledge (!) to a previous incarnation so as to leave the inference that he is a born mystic, which he hopes will explain many of the strange and peculiar unexplained and unexplainable things about the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy. Those who have followed his spectacular and successful career as a fraternal racketeer are willing to concede that he is a master at the fabrication of spurious orders and the promotion of fraternal swindles. Perhaps he learned all about fraudulent promotions and fraternal racketeering in a previous incarnation, since he *knows*, and knows he knows, it so well.

* This is correctly quoted.

the following year the same college conferred on him the title of *Doctor of Philosophy* and proposed him a *Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosaecrucian Order.* (Our italics.)

"In this country he was likewise honored because of his editorial and general literary work and was elected President of the Publishers' Syndicate for two years and appointed American Representative to the French Federation of Editors." (*American Rosae Crucis,* February, 1916, p. 17.)

Part of the foregoing statement was quoted in Chapter IV, beginning on page 406, in connection with his fake claims of being a Doctor of Philosophy. The statement is here quoted in full to show that his claim of having been made a *"Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosaecrucian Order"* in 1905 is wilfully false, as shown by *his* own statement made in his fictitious story of "A Pilgrim's Journey to the East," published in his official organ in May, 1916, only three months later, to be presently reviewed. Because in his journey to the East in 1909, only four years later, we find him blindly groping in the dark, seeking the unknown and hidden Rose Cross, and by strange coincidences, in divers ways and through the most mysterious guides he finally reached his cherished goal and found the secret, silent and hidden Supreme Grand Lodge of the Order in Toulouse, France, at a place where it was not then located. Such contradictory and entirely irreconcilable stories, when placed side by side, show most persuasively, if not conclusively, that all of his claims as to Rosicrucian initiation, sponsorship and authority are false—that they are snares and delusions—poorly constructed *devices of fraud.*

However, let us proceed with our consideration of the hodgepodge of his inconsistent and contradictory claims asserted as the basis of and in justification of his fraternal racket. Continuing in the same article, we find him journeying to France and England in 1909 to receive again those "several honors and titles" from the French R. C. Order and one (how modest) from the English Order. Continuing in the same article, he says:

Our Master's Journey in 1909

Irreconcilable Statements and Claims

(16) "But in 1909 our Master journeyed to France and Eng-

land[2] to complete his preparation for the Rosaecrucian work—which always seemed to be his goal—and he was given several honors and titles by the French R. C. Order and one by the English Order. By agreement with the Supreme Council in France and *Egypt*,[3] the permission—long sought by scientists and earnest philosophical students—was given unto our Master to establish the R. C. Order in America in the year 1915. Six years of preparation and study were necessary, and in the month of December, 1914, the Council in France delivered to him, through many sources and many persons, various articles, papers and jewels[4] with which to establish the Order which is now growing so rapidly here under the direct supervision and ruling of our Master.

"Those who have met him know Mr. Lewis in business as a congenial, pleasant writer with a magnetic personality and an open, honest countenance. In our Order we have learned to love and admire his many kind and considerate qualities and his sincerity and devotion to this, his chosen and predestined, work.[5]

"In passing, let it be said that in his pride and satisfaction of the work so well under way, our Master paid a deep and lasting honor to his charming wife, whom all in the Grand Lodge have learned to love for her kindly help, pleasant words and sweet disposition. Our Master saw to it that Mrs. Lewis was the first to cross the Threshold of the Order in America and the first to wear the insignia. And, while Brother Lewis has three children, the youngest,

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[2] According to another account of his travels in Europe in 1909, written by himself, he did not go to Europe by way of England, but sailed directly from New York to Cherbourg. See *American Rosae Crucis,* May, 1916, p. 13. Besides, the Powerful Order of the British Isles could not have conferred even *one* honor on him at that time, because, according to his own testimony, it was without power and had been suspended because it had refused to admit women. See *American Rosae Crucis,* September, 1916, p. 24. It is a zig-zag puzzle that cannot be fitted together.

[3] His earlier claims were that he was "sponsored" by the Supreme Grand Lodge of France, which in 1909, then and there, upon the event of his "one-session" Rosicrucian initiation, gave him "certain papers, jewels and devices" to fabricate his spurious R. C. Order in 1915. Authority from Egypt was not claimed until after he had received his remarkable and unique Pronunziamento No. 987,601. See *American Rosae Crucis,* September, 1916, pp. 23-24. See quotations (40) and (41).

[4] This seems wholly unnecessary, because when he was leaving France in 1909, according to another of his statements, he was given certain papers, documents, jewels and "devices" to enable him to "spread the Light in America" and to proceed with the Order at the time and in the manner indicated. See *American Rosae Crucis,* May, 1916, p. 27, quotation (23).

[5] His predestined work was, with sincerity, consideration and devotion to convert "our Order" into a family affair, because he now claims that his family is *the Order.* See Chapter VI.

> Earle Cromwell, was the *first Rosaecrucian to be born in America*[6] and will be christened with due R. C. Ceremonies in the Grand Lodge during the year." (*American Rosae Crucis,* February, 1916, p. 18. The italics are ours.)

If you can believe the foregoing statement, it would appear certain therefrom that he had contacted the hidden "Rosae Crucis" as early as 1904—the Order itself having been drawn to him by reason of his unusual ability—and that in 1905, at the tender age of twenty-two, he was a Doctor of Philosophy, a high-somebody and a dignitary supreme of great importance in the Rose Croix of France. *If such were the case, you must wonder why it was necessary for him to write an "unknown" editor in Paris in 1909 to ascertain* IF the R. C. STILL EXISTED *and why he had so much difficulty in finding and joining it in 1909.* See quotations (17) to (22).

Anyway, the young *Doctor of Philosophy* and the *Dignitaire Supreme* of the *Rosaecrucian Order* of 1904-1905 becomes a "Pilgrim" and journeys to the East in 1909 in search of the Rosaecrucian Order and tells the story of his wanderings, his strange experiences, his mystic flights, his marvelous "initiation" and his wonderful, glorious *illumination* in the May issue of *The American Rosae Crucis.*

You will not believe it—you cannot believe it—but it is an interesting mystery story, a clever fable and a marvelous bit of fiction and promotional propaganda. As *such*, and as *such only*, it may be considered.

The Unique Story of Lewis

His Mysterious Journey to the East

In the fifth installment of his "Complete and Authentic History of the Order,"[7] published in *The American Rosae Crucis,* May,

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[6] This ridiculous claim that his son was the first Rosicrucian born in America—as if Rosicrucians were born—cannot be reconciled with claims hereafter quoted, being quotation (67) that certain Rosicrucians came to America in the early part of the Seventeenth Century on the Pacific Coast and that others came from Europe in 1694 and established a Rosicrucian Colony near Philadelphia that remained active until 1801. See also quotations (76) and (89) and compare with quotations (39) and (68).

[7] The interested student and the official investigator should carefully read and compare this "complete history" with his other "complete histories" of his fabrication—and especially with other contradictory claims. Indeed, it will reveal much proof of this fraternal fraud.

1916, pages 12 to 27, both inclusive, under the title: "A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY TO THE EAST—*And I Journeyed to the Eastern Gate,*" "our Master" fully demonstrated his unique ability as a "writer on deep and unusual subjects."

The deep and unusual subjects of the fifth installment of his fictitious history of an alleged Rosicrucian Order is a simulated account of his initiation in the Rose Cross Order and the manner in which permission was granted and authority was conferred upon him to institute, establish, organize or to cause the "Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis" to be born in America after *all other* American Initiates of the Order, some of them *very* prominent, had failed to secure such cherished permission and authority.

Here is a brief review of Lewis' account of his Journey to the East. After many years' study of the *exoteric* work of "Rosaecrucianism" and an increased desire to join the Brotherhood, after a deep impulse to do so and many visions, some time in the early part of 1909, he wrote to an "unknown" editor of a Parisian paper, inquiring the "Way to the Rosy Cross." He signed this letter with a "peculiar mark" beneath his name. He did not know or appreciate its significance, but it got results. The unknown editor promptly replied, directing him to a Professor of Languages in Paris who might help him. On July 9, 1909 (note the date), he wrote the Professor that he was coming. Fifteen days later he embarked for Paris. As soon as the boat got under headway a dark-complexioned young man, probably an East Indian, persisted in seeking his company. The next day he honored him with his acquaintance. Two great occultists had met. They were kindred spirits.

Before he reached Paris, the strange gentleman from India gave him a square piece of paper with some writing on it. He "had a number of deck acquaintances subscribe their names to a picture of the steamer." Some time he might be required to prove that he went to France, hence he would not be without evidence. Besides, it would be nice to show to future members of AMORC. He would show them the picture of the S.S. America on which their Imperator went to Europe to get "the documents, the few jewels, the Rosy Cross and devices" to bring back to America to establish the Order for them.

Timidly he strolled about Paris for a week before venturing to

see "Professor X"—the Professor of Languages. He went about mentioning the words "Rosae Crucis," which "acted like a charm in most cases, bringing a look of wonderment, surprise, respect and awe to many faces, but ne'er a word or act of recognition." One morning he said, "Ros-a-e Crucie" slowly to a sixteen-year-old girl on her knees scrubbing the hotel lobby. She hastily arose, stood erect and faced him with that serene but awe-inspired expression that he has since seen upon the faces of several Vestal Virgins. Nothing happened. But he was sure that "the hotel proprietor, a wealthy guest (a Frenchman), a visitor from a convent in Paris, two taxicab drivers, one tramway conductor, two gendarmes, one fruit seller, one newsboy, one scrub-girl and a number of others of all classes and ranks knew of 'Rosae Crucis' and either feared or honored the words and that 'Rosae Crucis' was not *dead* in Paris."

Thus encouraged in his search, early one morning he visited the Professor of Languages, who was the proprietor of a store. They had preliminary conversation that was useless, because it appears the professor was fully advised in advance in some mysterious way and knew *all about* his mission.

Then they had a most remarkable conversation—so remarkable that we think it will be well worth the space to quote it, not under our own quotation marks, but *verbatim*, as reported by Lewis, under his quotation marks. After giving a glowing account of the astute "Professor X," he reports a fictitious conversation, showing that, *although he had been a "Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosae-crucian Order" for four years, yet he was still:*

SEEKING THE HIDDEN ROSAE CRUCIS

> (17) "And why do you seek to *know a Brother of the Rosy Croix?"* he asked as we seated ourselves in his very old-fashioned office. [The School of the Order had made him a Ph.D. in 1905, yet in 1909 he did not know a Brother!]
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> "Because *I want to know if the old Order is still in existence,* and if it is—" I was lost for words. I could not say that *I wanted to become a member.* One could not bluntly ask such a privilege in the presence of a man like Professor X. [Think of it! He was a Dignitaire Supreme in 1905, seeking mere membership in the R. C. in 1909!]
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> "And that is your only excuse for coming to Paris, for coming here? Is it what you call a curiosity?"

"Ah, no, Professor," I began, feeling that I had wrongly expressed myself and had done an injustice to my real motives. "I am not acting out of idle curiosity at least. I want to know because I want, some day, *to be one of them,* if I may." There, the secret was out, I thought. Surely, I was being frank. [This is a strange request to be made by a "Dignitaire Supreme" of the Order.]

"But why, my friend? You want to be one of them? One of whom? Of the Brothers? You WANT to be? You ask as a demand? You neither pray nor beg, but demand! *You are not acquainted with the Order, with any Brother,* yet you demand to be one of them, of the Order!"

There was no attempt to make me feel that I was in an awkward position or that I was impertinent. His remarks were made kindly but pointedly.

"But, Professor," I began again, "I only want—desire—to *learn how I may proceed* if I am ever to have my fond hopes realized. I make no demand now for admission into the Order; I ask for *no rare privilege or honor*[8] at this time. I come to you only as a seeker for knowledge—for light."

As I went on with my speech a more kindly expression came to his face, and it was only as the last two words were literally forced out of my consciousness by some strange power that I saw the barrier between us drop. Those two words—FOR LIGHT—were like the magic words of old. It occurred to me as I said them that I was merely using words which others had used as a symbolical way of expressing a desire for Eastern knowledge. But the years which have passed since then have shown me that I could not have used a better symbol nor more appropriate words. Light! The key to Rosaecrucianism—the password to the secret realms.

"Then, my good friend, if you seek Light," he went on, "you must first show that you deserve light. We were born in darkness, and some of us must ever live in darkness on this plane and in this existence. The Light cannot come to all. The brilliancy, the fire, the heat, the illusion of Light may blind some and lead others to destruction. You must be sure that you deserve Light, and you can deserve only in proportion to your reason for desiring."

"It is my great desire, sir, to learn the laws, the secrets, the great principles of Rosaecrucianism that I may assist in giving them to those who may deserve and to *help mankind.* I have *no selfish mo-*

[8] A "Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosaecrucian Order" seeking to learn how he might find and join the Order—an "Imperator Lewis" seeking "no rare privilege or honor." These seem impossible. The fiction does not follow the facts.

tive whatever. I seek *not for myself,* but *for others* through me.[9] For years I have read and studied on similar lines of thought. I have *edited several* philosophical magazines. I have *written* for *many* others. I have *taught* in a philosophical school. I have *received recognition* from one of your French Academies for my philosophical writings. I love the work. It is my *religion.* And I have *gained some reputation* in America as a *student* of the *occult* and *lecturer* and *writer.* That is why I am anxious to go further and do more."[1]

"And you come to me, sir," he rejoined very quickly, "without other credentials than your worldly reputation and accomplishments. You have had worldly honors bestowed upon you. *You have a college degree* [!] You have *been recognized by a French Academy.* [!!] Your name is *well known* in American *occult journalism* and on American *lecture platforms.*[2] All worldly honors. What of yourself—your real self, your inner self? How has that spoken? How has that developed? Speak of your soul, your—well, I cannot say to you what I might say to another."

"I have some other papers here," I said as I opened my wallet. "They concern my worldly affairs, I suppose, but throw some little light on my life work which fairly represents my aims and ideals in life. But of my soul, of my inner self, I know not how to speak. I—" (Italics are ours.)

"And you have there your business card," he said, as I drew one from my wallet. "That is typically American or rather of the United States citizen. His card he considers as his passport, his letter of introduction, his letter of credit, his password into society, his admission into heaven and his key to all that he desires. Yet I believe they can be printed for a few francs per hundred."

He did not offer to look at my card, and, abashed at his remarks, I returned it to my wallet. There were other papers there of considerable interest to me. They—with my card—had served me well in worldly matters, but I felt instinctively that they were of no value now. Certainly, not to the Professor. So I closed my wallet and

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[9] The deep sincerity of this statement is shown by the manner in which he converted his fraudulent fraternal enterprise into a family affair. See Chapter VI. Such statements as these can be regarded in no light other than being pure ballyhoo and promotional propaganda. They are *Badges of Fraud.*

[1] This is a case of boosting the fabricator to promote his fabrication and fraudulent enterprise.

[2] Here the fiction failed. Lewis played a mean trick on the astute Professor, the Seer who knew all. In his blind endeavor to promote himself and his fabrication he has the Professor confirm that which is *not* true. Lewis did *not* have a college degree; he had *not* been recognized by a French Academy; he was *not* a well-known occult journalist and lecturer. It is false promotional ballyhoo—a mere *fraudulent device.*

made to place it in my pocket. He detained my arm in its movement and, looking significantly at me, said:

"And have you not a paper there which does not resemble the others?"

I thought a moment—and I seemed to discern his meaning, for the strange light in his eyes was unmistakable. It meant that I did have—that I could take from my wallet—that which he fully expected to receive. What was it? I thought rapidly. It seemed like a résumé of my whole life and all that had ever been given to me. But in a flash one thing stood out before me—the square piece of paper which the foreigner had given me on the steamer.

"I have this," I replied as I drew it from the wallet. "It is only an address and a few lines of other writing," I added as I noticed for the first time that the writing below the name and address was in the form of a sentence. "Perhaps this is what YOU mean." I could not help impressing him with the fact that I had noticed his evident reference to some particular paper.

"Yes, this is what I thought. It means little to you—perhaps little to me. It will mean a great deal to others at some time. I merely suggest that you preserve it, keep it always at hand and show it only when you are INDIRECTLY asked to do so. If you will call to see me again on Monday morning about noon, I will be very glad to answer the one question for you. It is a beautiful day. I trust you had a very pleasant trip across the sea. Do you like our Paris?" (*The American Rosae Crucis,* May, 1916, pp. 14-15.)

Wilful Intentions Shown

He Had Knowledge of Nature of the R. C.

Although the foregoing fictitious conversation, which never took place, in fact, was written and published by Lewis to satisfy his gluttonous ego and for the purpose of *promoting* himself and his fraudulent fraternal business, and although it is a self-revealing fraudulent device, yet it reveals much more. It shows that he knew the true nature of the august Fraternity. Whether he learned it from reading the published exoteric books and works of the Rosicrucians or otherwise, the fact remains and his own statements reveal that he *knew* that the Rose Cross Order *does not* and *never did* solicit members and, most of all, that it *does not* use high-pressure, bombastic, urgent and deceptive advertising to secure members, and that those who would *become* Rosicrucians must of *their own*

accord seek the Way to the Temple of the Rosy Cross, show themselves worthy and *become* Rosicrucians by *living the life* and through their own efforts. Certainly he knew that they do not and could not *become* Rosicrucian initiates simply by passing through a symbolical ceremony in a single session in one night.

Therefore, with such knowledge, for him to fabricate a spurious Order; to operate it as a Rosicrucian Order, with ceremonial initiation falsely represented to be a Rosicrucian initiation; to promote it contrary to *Rosicrucian fundamentals* with *high-pressure, deceptive advertising*, and to operate it as he does as a family affair shows conclusively his *continuing* wilful design and fraudulent intent from the inception of his fraudulent purpose until now. This is but one circumstance which reveals fraudulent *design and intent*. The record he has made supplies evidence in abundance of his fraudulent *design and intent*.

A Lesson in Humility

But Lewis Did Not Profit by It

Let us continue with our review of the "Pilgrim's Journey to the East." Promptly at the appointed time on the following Monday Lewis appeared at the book store of Professor X to receive the answer to his question as to *where he could find* the Rosicrucian Brotherhood and how he might join the elect.

Therefore, inasmuch as Lewis was writing a Rosicrucian story for promotional purposes, he thought it well and cunning to have the mythical Professor who knew all—who with occult clairvoyance could read the secret designs and real character of the seekers of the Way to Light—to deliver to him as a seeker of light a bit of a lecture, embodying some of the necessary qualifications of applicants of Rosicrucian initiation of which he had read in published Rosicrucian works. Accordingly, with his pen he made the Professor say:

> (18) "Formality! Form! Conventionality—that's Americanism! It's not Rosaecrucianism. You say 'Thank you' because it is the custom to say it. In your heart you feel differently. Unless you speak as you feel, unless you break down the barriers of form and custom and become natural, you can never make the journey. You must become an *humble* soul *groping* for Light. Your credentials

count for naught. It is not what you have been in the past in your *worldly* affairs that will assist you, but what you *become* now, from this moment on. Let your pride, your self-esteem, your spirit rise, and the darkness will engulf you. Cast away your precious reputation. It is character alone that makes the true seeker for Light! Away with your *worldly self*—be a man as God made you—just one of His humble souls *praying* for guidance, *crying* aloud for help and ever conscious of your ignorance, your weakness and your oneness with all men."

Then Lewis said for himself:

"I gave response in a *most crushed* and *humiliated* spirit. I began to feel that, after all, I was a most humble, weak, ignorant soul in the presence of one who could plainly see the real self in me." (*Id.*, p. 16.)

Imagine, if you can, the great Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy feeling such abject humility. The after-history of the man and his daily conduct refute the idea. He fooled the "Professor" as he has fooled thousands since with his fair and plausible false pretensions, and the professor, according to Lewis' story, started him on his marvelous career of fraternal racketeering and mystic swindling.

In Quest of the Golden Calf

Before he left the professor, never to see him again, he was shown a picture of an "old tower" which he was to find. He was to take the 7:10 train for Avignon, where another would meet him with further instructions. He took the train. He was on his way, but did not know where he was going. He had scarcely started on this unique and strange journey when the mysterious "East Indian" who had given him the mysterious "square paper" on the way across the ocean, turned up most unexpectedly. But he was not an "East Indian" at all; he was "a Persian that lived in Egypt most of the time," who told him that his instructions were all wrong, that he was not going to Avignon at all, but to Montpellier, to the Hotel Metropole, where someone would call and make a sign.

From then on he met the most mysterious people in the most mysterious ways and places who directed him from place to place and handed him instructions. Finally, after many strange, odd and

trying experiences that sorely tested his moral fiber, he landed at the Grand Hotel Tivolier in Toulouse, where he also had many mysterious experiences, described in minute detail; where he finally by "mere" accident located the "Old Tower." Then he realized that the "Pilgrim's Journey to the East" was nearing the end.

He entered the "Old Tower," and there at last he met the right person, who spoke to him in English with a deep French accent. There he saw many wonderful things, such as sealing outfits, a quill pen, manuscripts, some horoscopical maps, very rare old books and antique furniture.

Then, to his surprise, he was told:

> (19) "You have come here, my young friend, not by intrusion. You know astrology; you know 'arcs of direction.' Your coming here was by direction. See, I have on my desk your horoscope.[3] I have expected you, for there is a letter addressed to you. I know your purpose, for the contents of that letter are an answer to your question. But be seated. I have many things to show you and to explain.
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> "You have *earnestly sought* the Rose Croix Order. You wish to enter the *Sacred* Brotherhood. Your wish may be granted—but what then? Will you help in the great work? Will you spread the work to your land? You wish for a Herculean task! I admire your courage, your bravery and your determination." *(Id.,* p. 25. The italics are ours.)

Then he was told of how he had been watched by the many mysterious persons, that his complete history was there on their records and that, knowing all about him, it had been decided that very day that he should meet the "beloved Grand Master and Imperator in his Holy Temple."

Thereafter, on some afternoon, the exact date not given—the time about 3:00 o'clock—he was driven for a mile or more to the city's gates, then along the banks of a creek towards the old City of Toulouse, the "original Roman City of Toulosa." At last he arrived at a great and marvelous estate within a wall, with fields of flowers and beautiful lawns. There were also many square buildings within a walled chateau. When he approached one of

[3] AMORC does not teach astrology, yet how is this story of its fabrication to be reconciled with the fact that his fabrication has naught to do with astrology. It cannot be reconciled. It is a Badge of Fraud.

these odd and old—very old—and "ancient" buildings, he was met by a young man in semi-military uniform who knew the driver. With very cordial greetings, he was ushered into "a large reception room." After a few moments he was confronted by an elderly woman who, bowing, led him to a small reception room and handed him some typewritten instructions. Those Toulouse Rosicrucians—in that very old building where wonderful manuscripts were made with quill pens—were very modern. They had a typewriter as early as 1909. These instructions informed him that he was to meet the Officers of the Grand Lodge at sunset, fully three hours later. He could not tell us about the instructions—that was a profound secret—but he did tell us what he did in the meantime, which in his own language is as follows:

> (20) "And so I read—and yawned from fatigue. I read again—and relaxed. I read a little longer—and yawned once more—and fell asleep on the old divan in the upper stone room of that old, cold mysterious building known throughout all of France as the Grand Temple." (*Id.,* p. 26.)

Initiated and Illuminated (?)

This "Grand Temple"—*known throughout all France,* where he yawned and slept as he dreamed the dream in which he created this mythical temple—is *not* known throughout France. Indeed, French occultists and editors, who would know about it if anyone knew, after making due inquiry, were unable to locate it and knew nothing about it, as will appear from the statement of J. Bricaud, to be presented.

And then he tells of the most unique, remarkable and wholly impossible mythical Rosicrucian initiations, which, of course, did *not* take place. This is his own statement and description:

> (21) "Later that night I was initiated into the Order Rosae Crucis. I Crossed the Threshold in the Old Lodge in that very old building. I met many of the Officers; I took the solemn pledges; I received the great blessing and was *made* a Brother of the Order as the witching hour of midnight was struck by the old chimes in the lower part of the building.
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> "I had found the Light—and it illuminated me as I faced the Rosae Crucis." (*Id.,* pp. 26-27.)

And, verily, this is his much-boasted and far-heralded Rosicrucian initiation. In a single night, between the hours of six o'clock and midnight—in six short hours at the most—by symbolical rites and ceremonies, we suppose, in an old non-existent lodge in a very old building that has ceased to be, he "crossed the Threshold," stood before the Rosy Cross and was illuminated. The story is a *myth*—a FICTION. It did *not* take place. It is *impossible*—ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE! To a Rosicrucian or occultist who knows that Rosicrucian or occult initiation is *growth*, an inner development, which is accomplished *only* by a slow process at best—by *living the life* and *doing the work*, and not by and through symbolical ceremonies—such an initiation as claimed and described by Lewis is a ridiculous absurdity—an utter impossibility! However, in this case it is a *fraudulent device* which he has used to "initiate" the curious, credulous and gullible into his fraternal racket and extract from them the "Royal Revenues" for the support of his family hierarchy.

The Illuminati of Europe

Feared, Despised and Discredited

After his marvelous "Rosicrucian initiation," as vouched for and reported by himself, *he remained in Toulouse just one week, "as directed,"* during which time he attended a "great number" of lectures, demonstrations, experiments and private classes—if there is any difference between those and the private classes. He was shown much, told a great deal more and given a "very considerable amount of matter" in the form of hieroglyphic manuscripts to take away and study for a year or more. Compare this with quotation (82).

Whether he was initiated in *The European Illuminati*, a much-despised, feared and discredited political organization, with the same lightning speed, he does not tell us. But he does claim to be a *"Twelfth Degree Illuminati,* Toulouse, France." (See our Reproduction No. 69.) However, he does make the attempt to confuse the Political *Illuminati* with the Rosy Cross, whereas there is not and there never has been any connection between the two organizations. But he does assert a connection with and membership in the *Illuminati*, as shown by his statement, as follows:

> (22) "I attended the Monthly Convocation of the Illuminati in another old building[4] along the banks of the Garonne. The building proper, illustrated in this article, was constructed of stones brought from various parts of Egypt, Spain and Italy, from buildings, temples and pyramids now in ruins.[5] The illustration shows one corner of this building, and one can plainly see the odd manner in which these stones of various colors, qualities and sizes have been grouped. The cornerstone, bearing appropriate lettering, was brought from EL AMARNA, where our Great Master once had his home.
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> "The upper part of this building and its courts are used as a Rosaecrucian Monastery. In the cellar is the old Rosaecrucian Grotto, where the Illuminati hold their convocations." (*Id.*, p. 27.)

In his official organ, *The Mystic Triangle,* September, 1928, on pages 573 to 575, he tells of "A Strange Experience" of a stranger coming into the grand temple of his fabrication and giving the "grip of the Illuminati." Mr. Lewis asked for his birth date and worked out his horoscope, which he said clearly showed that the stranger was a "remarkable soul"—a "true mystic" and a high officer in the Order in France, Egypt and Switzerland. All of which, we declare, shows that in the beginning he did stress the mysteries of astrology—even though he later denied it—and did promote his fabrication as being a part of the *Illuminati.*

However, in *The Rosicrucian Forum,* August, 1932, on pages 11 and 12 (another official organ for his members only), he denounces the *Illuminati*, denies that his fabrication was ever associated with the European or "so-called Illuminati in Germany" and

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[4] In the *American Rosae Crucis,* November, 1917, opposite p. 212, he published a large photograph of a building taken, no doubt, somewhere in France, upon which he superimposed two of the symbols which he made and adopted for his American fabrication in 1915 and the letters R. C. *in bold relief.* This he represents, by inference, to be one of the buildings of the Grand Lodge of France in Toulouse, where he received his Mythical Rosicrucian Initiation. But it does not square with his story which we are here reviewing. Indeed, it contradicts his story. In his story the R. C. Lodge of the hidden Order in France was very hard to find—very secret. You will recall how he finally found it with much assistance from many persons. In his mutilated and "doctored" picture of the building with "R. C." imposed thereon he has the building boldly declaring to the world that the Rose Cross Order is located within, where he says the "Secretary's office" is located. It is one of his little tricks—one of his *devices of fraud.*

[5] We suppose it would be possible to construct a very old temple in France, when transportation was slow and difficult, of stones from Egypt, Spain and Italy—but scarcely probable. However when one constructs temples in his imagination he may bring building stones from the four quarters of the earth in the twinkling of an eye.

tells of a German Illuminati, back in the early days of his activities, making application for membership in his fabrication which was denied because he was an *Illuminati.* Nevertheless, this cunning pretender did take the precaution to explain—as a way out for himself and in explanation of his previous claims to *Illuminati* affiliation and authority—that "in the Rosicrucian Order there is a division or section of the work referred to as the Illuminati or, in other words, the illuminated ones." With this "explanation" on record, the *very consistent* Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy of the AMORC has denied any connection with the *Illuminati* and is no longer "H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C. (12° Illuminati, Toulouse, France)"—see our Reproduction No. 69.

His First "Authority"

Let us return to the "Pilgrim's Journey to the East." If one can believe this "Jonah" story of his rapid magical initiation into the Rosicrucian Brotherhood to the high stage of illumination and in *The Illuminati* even unto the twelfth and last degree thereof, one must at least be astonished, if not astounded, at the remarkable and sudden confidence which *"The Most Worshipful Grand Master of France"* placed in this newly and rapidly made "Rosicrucian" and "Illuminati XII°," seeing that he left France with everything he desired "in the bag," handed to him on a silver platter and with the "most wonderful ovations." In this manner there was conferred upon him his first *"authority"* to fabricate an R. C. Order and to perpetrate a fraternal swindle in America, of which he says:

> (23) "On the day I left Toulouse I was given certain *papers* and *documents* to enable me to proceed with the spreading of the Light in 'America.' The following is the substance of the last words I heard delivered to me by *The Most Worshipful Grand Master of France* [of his spurious R. C. Order or the Illuminati—which?], Mons. L—:
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> " 'Brother, *these papers* appoint you as a Legate of this Order for your country. Your duty and privileges are well defined. The *documents* you have—and the *few jewels* I now hand you—will enable you to proceed at the time [in 1915, as we have seen] and in the manner indicated. When you have made some progress you will meet with a representative from the *Order in Egypt,* who will hand

you, under certain conditions, *other papers* and *seals*. From time to time there will come to you from those whom you will recognize by the signs indicated. They will add to your *papers and devices*[6] until your working papers and tools are completed. Our archivists will send you under seal, with the protection of the *French Government,* other *papers* as soon as you have made the progress which will be reported to us by our Agents. Your semi-annual reports will warrant or deny you progress and assistance. The Masters of the world will be glad to administer to your wants and your requirements from time to time, and Peace and Power shall come to America if the dictates of our Order are faithfully fulfilled.'

"These words, said so sacredly by the dear old soul, subscribed to by the French Supreme Council and accompanied by a *most wonderful ovation,* still ring in my ears. They were the blessing which the Masters sent to America, and I, in turn, give them to my Brothers and Sisters of the Order Rosae Crucis in the United States. A la Verite—Fr. 12. Ill. R. F., *Profundis.*" (*Id.,* p. 27. Italics are ours.)

Spurious and Self-Constituted

It will be remembered that Lewis organized his fabrication on April 1—All Fools' Day—1915, and that "about thirty of the most active workers met at the proposed lodge rooms on Seventh Avenue (in New York City) and there, with *due* form *constituted themselves* the Supreme Council, *signed* an illuminated charter declaring the authoritative, proper and legal establishment of the AMORC in America."[7] With nothing in hand to show his right or authority to organize a Rosicrucian Order except "A paper and some insignia and other interesting exhibits, including the *charter* and *Black Book*"[8] which he made himself to be signed by the *self-constituted "Supreme Council,"* it is not at all surprising that his right to establish an R. C. Order and the authenticity

[6] *"Devices"* is the right word. This continued flow to him of "papers, jewels and seals" from the beginning until now, about which he has had so much to say in propagandic and promotional literature, are, in fact, so many *devices of fraud.* It is to be noted that even his early "papers" were sent to him under *Governmental protection,* a *device* often used by him, as we have seen. If he were called upon to produce the "papers, documents, jewels and seals," he would say that they have been lost. However, they cannot be produced because they never existed—they are pure myths, and *real devices of fraud and fabrication.*

[7–8] Statements made by Lewis in the *American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1916, pp. 12-13, which are quoted in the booklet, *Rosicrucian Names,* p. 31, and in Volume I, p. 202. The italics in the quotations are ours. See quotation (30).

thereof were seriously questioned from the beginning.

This being the case, we find him, in quotation (23) above, which was written and published a year afterwards, building up and preparing the way for "other papers and seals" from the Order in Egypt, and additional *"papers* and *devices"* from France under the protection of the *Government* to strengthen the spurious and fantastic claims under which he organized his fabrication, which even his followers and members of the first "Supreme Council" rejected as being wholly untenable. See quotations (35) and (38). The manner in which he gathered together from time to time those certain "jewels, seals, papers and *devices*" will appear from his own statements and accounts thereof as we shall proceed.

The Office of "Legate"

Entirely Distinctive of His Fabrication

Like the "special symbols" designed by himself, the office of *Legate*[9] to America, to which *"The Most Worshipful Grand Master of France"* appointed him, is entirely distinctive of his scheme and the product of his imagination. Such an office and the term "Legate" are unknown and unused in the authentic Order.

A Legate is defined to be (1) a diplomatic representative from one government to another; (2) specifically, an ecclesiastic delegate of the Pope of Rome; (3) an advisor of a Roman general in the field, and (4) a governor of a Roman province in Rome's imperial day.[1]

When Mr. Lewis' innate desire and unquenchable hunger for greatness and power are considered in connection with his constant and continuing effort to glorify himself and to associate himself with kings, pontiffs and royalty—with men of prominence and power, and to confer upon himself numerous and limitless titles and honors—it is, indeed, understandable and obvious why and how, in his imagination in the fictitious story just reviewed, he appointed himself Legate of the Order for America. Verily, the term "Legate" so often used by him in connection with his scheme is another special and distinctive *Badge of Fraud.*

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[9] His latest claim is that he is a "Legate of the FUDOSI." See p. 518, *supra.*

[1] See any unabridged dictionary.

Grand Lodge at Toulouse

Unknown in France and to French Occultists

In February, 1928, we forwarded copies of Lewis' *Mystic Triangle* to J. Bricaud, an eminent French Occultist, then Grand Master of the Martinist Order and distinguished Editor of *Annales Initiatiques,* a valued fraternal and occult magazine, and directed his attention to Lewis' claims concerning his initiation in and authority from the Rose Cross Grand Lodge at Toulouse and certain other false claims that Lewis was asserting about the Martinist Order. In response to which we received from him the following letter written upon the official stationery of the Supreme Council Universal of the Martinist Order, from 8 Rue Bugeurd, Lyons, France, and under date of April 2, 1928, *viz.:*

"Dear Sir:

"I received your letter in due time through the courtesy of Mr. Chacornac, of Paris. With your letter of February 8th I received two copies of *The Mystic Triangle;* for which I thank you.

"I am quite interested in all you say in your letter, and although I do not read English very fluently, the articles that you wanted me to read have drawn my attention to the groundless claims made in them.

"As to the Grand Lodge of the Rose Croix in Toulouse, France, I very candidly declare to you, dear sir, that I have never heard of it. Even in Toulouse itself, it is absolutely unknown! *Nobody in France knows anything about the 'Rose Croix of Toulouse.'* (Italics are ours.)

"To belong to the Martinist Order, as you know, you are required to have the Third Grade (the Master's Degree) of Masonry. Only on this condition is it possible to join the Martinist Order. With the same mail I am sending you several copies of the *Annales Initiatiques.* In one of these numbers you will find an historical account of the Martinist Order.[2]

"Will you accept, my dear sir, my thanks and best regards?

"Fraternally,

"J. Bricaud,
"Grand Master."

[2] This paragraph of this letter was quoted in Part One of Chapter IV at p. 260, *supra,* in connection with Lewis' claims regarding the Martinist Order to show that such claims are invalid because he is not a Master Mason.

Not only did Lewis create the mythical, non-existent Rosicrucian Grand Lodge of Toulouse as a device for the promotion of his fraudulent scheme, but he bolstered his fraudulent device by claiming that the "old, cold, mysterious building" in Toulouse, wherein he alleges to have received his initiation, was *known throughout all of France as the Grand Temple.*"[3]

Now it appears from the above-quoted letter that this said mythical R. C. Grand Lodge of France, located by Lewis in Toulouse, is *absolutely unknown in Toulouse* and that *nobody in France knows anything about the Rose Croix of Toulouse.* It does seem reasonably certain that if anyone in all France knew anything about this alleged institution which Lewis claimed was so well and generally known that the late J. Bricaud, with his extensive knowledge of secret orders and fraternal associations in Europe, would have known.[4] Therefore, it must be concluded that the Lewistonian R. C. Grand Lodge of Toulouse was a myth and is non-existent, except as a *Fraudulent Device.*

His Fabrication Established

In the sixth and last installment of his "Authentic and Complete History of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis," published in the *American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1916, he gives a much more extended account of the manner in which he organized and established his fabrication in America than in his First Propaganda Booklet, from which we have quoted. See quotations (8), (10) and (11), *supra.* Compare them with other of his statements hereinafter set forth.

To give the reader Mr. Lewis' own account of the organization and establishment of the AMORC and to enable ready comparison with other and different accounts and conflicting statements which he has made from time to time, we shall set forth the major por-

[3] So stated in *The American Rosae Crucis,* May, 1916, pp. 26-27. See quotations (20) and (21), *supra.*

[4] We have in our files an abundance of evidence which conclusively shows that no R. C. Grand Lodge existed in Toulouse, France, as represented by Lewis, consisting of reports of the police, postal authorities and eminent persons in France, which we do not publish for want of space. However, we believe that the foregoing statement of this late eminent Frenchman is sufficient to satisfy any fair-minded person that Lewis' representations are altogether false concerning said Grand Lodge.

tion of his historical account of how it all came about, as follows:

> (24) "In concluding this history, I feel that I must speak of the establishment of the Order in America.
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> "I did not realize at the time—possibly I do not thoroughly realize now—the great responsibility and tremendous importance of the undertaking. Daily I am more strongly impressed with *its power for good* in this country and what it will eventually mean to America and Americans.
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> "As the *founder—organizer,* if you will—I have most certainly made a few mistakes in matters important and trivial. With new and different conditions to meet and contend with, without precedence for many acts, I was forced to permit or institute quickly, and with the war in Europe to prevent my rapid communication with the Masters abroad I know I have had to use discretion and judgment requiring more mature understanding than one of my age and experience possesses.
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> "I would that I could undo some of the errors; I would remove from the hearts and souls of some the memory of anguish, disappointment and sorrow which I have caused. *I shall some time pay the penalty,*[5] however, and I trust that I may have the opportunity to do some kinder acts, sweeter deeds and more joyous matters to recompense those whom I have pained." (*American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1916, p. 11. Italics are ours.)

Mistakes Show Spuriousness

While stressing—as a cunning promoter would—his own *great* responsibility and the *tremendous* importance of his fabrication to America, in this statement he made fatal admissions which show rather conclusively that he was not "the founder"—organizer, if you will—of an authentic Rosicrucian Order, but the organizer of a spurious, so-called R. C. Order of his own fabrication.

It is apparent that his admission of mistakes in the simple matters and methods of organization of his alleged R. C. Order proclaims it to be spurious. They are *Badges of Fraud.* If he had been a Rosicrucian Master, initiated and *illuminated*, as he claimed in 1909,[6] and had spent six years in preparation for such organiza-

[5] He will pay the penalty, whether in a Court of Justice instituted by his fellow-countrymen and maintained by our Government or under the immutable Law of Karma—of action and reaction. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap," and none there are who escape.

[6] See his statement in quotation No. (21), *supra.*

tion under the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge of France and the Council of the World, as he has so often asserted, he would not have found it necessary to apologize for his organization and otherwise to admit mistakes, nor necessary to excuse them on account of the World War on the grounds of his inability to communicate with his mythical Masters abroad. Yet he held a "World Council" in Egypt during the World War. See quotation (40).

If he had been a Rosicrucian Master, he would have known how to institute an R. C. Order, and he would never have made the many conflicting statements regarding his fabrication or told the strange, fantastic story of its organization which we shall now set forth and review.

Although he had been making necessary preparations since 1909 under alleged authority and definite instructions from his alleged sponsor, yet he tells of

His Great Mistake

(25) "It was not until the fall of 1913 that I began my outward activities for the Order in this country, and my *first acts were a mistake!*

"My instructions plainly said that the Order was not to be made concrete until 1915.[7] Well I knew the year. The figures 1915 were blazoned in my mind; that was to be the 'great year' for America which many Rosicrucian students had been looking forward to for many years.[8]

"But my instructions—in *weird, symbolical language* requiring careful translation—also stated that during the winter of 1914-1915, 'between December 15th of 1914 and Easter of 1915,' I should make such preliminary announcements as would enable me to have my American Supreme Council selected by April 1st and my Officers installed by not later than May of 1915. These instructions I had read many times during 1910, 1911 and 1912. During 1913 I was devoted to the preparation of the necessary *'first papers,'* by the large, *Illuminated Charter* to be signed by the selected Councilors

[7] That was his statement made in 1916 and often repeated to the effect that his fabrication was not to be and, in fact, was not organized until 1915. However, recently he has claimed it was organized in 1909. See *Rosicrucian Names,* pp. 27 to 37, or Volume I, pp. 198 to 207. See quotations (83) and (89).

[8] All Rosicrucian students in America then and for many years prior thereto were associated with the authentic Rose Cross established in 1858. Certainly they were not looking forward to the year 1915, when a spurious Order should be launched.

and the first *'Black Book,'*[9] which *I had to design, letter and bind* MYSELF, not being permitted to have any matter pass from my hands before the Order was established.

"Thus it was that as December of 1913 approached, the figures 1914 of the coming year seemed to stand forth boldly in my consciousness, and my instructions I misinterpreted as being: 'Between December 15th and Easter of 1913-1914' instead of 1914-1915.

"My papers for the preliminary announcement were ready. I anxiously awaited December 15th, and on or about that date I made my *first mistake.* I announced to some especially advanced members of the New York Institute of Psychical Research,[1] of which I was then President, that I would have them meet with me to prepare the way for the establishment of the Order Rosae Crucis in America.

"A preliminary meeting was held during the winter of 1913-1914, and I was surprised to find no enthusiasm and little interest. Those whom I considered interested displayed no interest, but rather antipathy. I recall very well the rainy night when I wended my way home from a lady's home on Madison Avenue, near Thirty-fourth Street, with my *papers, charter* and *'Black Book'* under my arm, dejected and puzzled. Of the twelve who had assembled (out of twenty invited), not even one signed the preliminary organization papers.

"Was this an indication of what the R. C. would be in America? was the question I tried to answer later that night in the stillness of my room.

"Then light came. I discovered my mistake of dates, and the morning's sunlight brought joy at the thought that no one had signed that paper nearly twelve months before it was time to be signed. The very weather, antipathy and disinterestedness of those there that night had prevented a *grave error* on my part. Truly a *Rosaecrucian lesson!* And, *strange* as it may seem, not one of

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[9] Here is another fatal admission. He tells us that he devoted the year 1913 to the "preparation of the necessary first papers." Therefore, his *first papers* were not from France, as he claimed, but *manufactured* by himself. They consisted of a *Black Book* and an *Illuminated Charter.* We shall presently present and review this remarkably "Illuminated" Charter. (!) See quotation (32).

[1] This was another contrivance and vehicle which Lewis fabricated and used for his early operations in his "psychic" business. He was not only President of it, but the whole society. (See p. 111, *supra.*) In this "society," on paper at least, he associated himself with Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Elbert Hubbard and other prominent Americans (see *Rosicrucian Manual—AMORC,* 1934, p. 129), which name was in such close imitation thereof that it was confused with *The Society for Psychical Research,* a well-known and reputed organization in New York City. The association of prominent people with him and the exploitation of their good names and high standing was one of his prominent and much overworked *Fraudulent Devices.* See note 2 following.

those twenty supposedly interested men and women[2] have to this day shown any interest whatever in the Order in this country." (*American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1916, pp. 11-12. The italics are ours.)

Even to the lay reader it should be apparent, but to the Rosicrucian who *knows* it is obvious that this is not the statement of a Rosicrucian Master possessed of the authority with the right to institute the Order in America. It is the foolish and fantastic promotional propaganda of a young and inexperienced impostor. It is a story within a story. The inside story which it tells is that of delusion and fraud. This will become more and more apparent as we proceed with the examination of the unique story.

Gathering in the Devices

The Jewels, Seals and Insignia of Authority

To comply with his then ignorant conception of the manner in which Rosicrucian Grand Lodges are authorized and founded and to fill in the details of his story of the continuous, mysterious and secret delivery to him of papers, jewels, seals, trinkets and "whatnots," which he alleges are insignia of his authority, he created the hoax of the mythical "Grand Old Lady," the deep, occult student, world traveler, with close governmental and military connections and of royal descent, as *May Banks-Stacey,*[3] to deliver to him the first "batch" or consignment of paraphernalia and *devices*, of which he says:

(26) "However, the following winter I was even more ready and more prepared to carry out the preliminary work. During the fall of 1914 there came to me a grand old lady who had been a deep student of the occult for years. She had traveled much abroad in search for knowledge and had been initiated in many forms of our

[2] This statement is *important* because it shows that *none* of the twenty "advanced members" of his "Institute for Psychical Research" who attended this preliminary and premature meeting ever became members of his spurious R. C. Order later organized. This, therefore, effectively and finally refutes his subsequent claims that Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Elbert Hubbard and other prominent Americans were associated with him in the organization of his fabricated R. C. In fact, it disposes of much of his false promotional propaganda and many of his false claims and *Fraudulent Devices.*

[3] The manner in which he used this myth as a device shall receive special attention later on in this chapter.

work. Being of *royal descent* and intimately acquainted with *governmental* and *military* authorities here and abroad, she had been entrusted with a special errand and mission connected with the Order. Thus on another rainy night in the month of November—on my birthday, in fact—she unceremoniously and reverently placed in my hands a *few* papers, a *small packet* and—a beautiful red rose! In addition to these she gave me a *locket* of gold set with stones in *symbolical* form, containing a *rare* and *historical piece of mineral.* The latter was a personal gift to be worn in her remembrance, and ever shall I remember the dear old soul whose *days are numbered,*[4] but who is sure of a sweet place in the hearts of my wife, my children and myself. (S. of the C.!)

"The papers I found to be some of those which the Masters[5] had explained to me in Europe in 1909 and which were promised to come to me when I needed them most by special messenger. The packet contained a *seal* and an *insignia.* I was pleased, *astounded*—and *now greatly fortified for my work."* (*Id.,* p. 12. The italics are ours.)

Why he was astounded and how these "few papers," *a seal and an insignia* greatly fortified him for his work, he does not say, and we will, perhaps, never know.

If you will keep in mind and carefully note the many different seals that were sent to him from time to time and the great importance which he attaches to *seals*, you will conclude that he has a "seal" complex or that his "seals" are *Insignias of Fraud.*

Organization Under Way

Continuing the story of how his fabrication was organized, he tells us that:

(27) "On or about December 20th of 1914 I made my preliminary announcement. This time I simply placed a small notice in the Personal Column of the New York *Sunday Herald.* It said that the writer would be pleased to hear from ladies and gentlemen

[4] He did not plan to let his myth—the hoax of the "dear old lady"—live long. No one ever saw her deliver any papers or perform any official duties, but the myth has been used as a *device* in many ways. She is alleged to have been one of the co-founders of his spurious order. See quotation (92).

[5] In his former accounts of his sponsorship and his experiences in France in 1909 only one Master, Raynaud Emil de Bellecastle-Ligne, promised to send papers. Here the Master becomes "the Masters." This, however, is as consistent as any part of his inconsistent story of the AMORC.

interested in the work of the Order R. C.

"The replies were numerous, varied and very encouraging.[6] Great interest was shown, and the status of the most inquirers was pleasing, indeed.

"My next step was to plan a meeting of a few for organization purposes. . . .

"The preliminary meeting was held on February 8 [1915] in my offices at 8:30 P. M. I find in my records the following entry regarding that meeting: 'Meeting was called to order at 8:32 at 80 Fifth Avenue. *There were nine present.* The Moon was in Sagittarius.[7] Adjourned at 9:40 P. M.'

"A *Paper* and *some insignia* and other interesting *exhibits,* including the *Charter*[8] and 'Black Book,' were submitted to those present, and after a brief description of the aims and purposes of the Order, *the nine* men and women were made a committee to organize a Supreme Council for America.

"The unusual enthusiasm shown, the deep interest manifested and the determination to build the Order magnificently and nobly in this country were a pleasant experience after the lack of interest shown a year previous." (*Id.,* pp. 12-13. The italics are ours.)

This fantastical historical account of the process of the organization of his fabricated, spurious R. C. Order becomes more ridiculous as we proceed. Think of it—the idea of a pseudo-Rosicrucian pretending to be a Rosicrucian Master, appointing a committee to organize a Supreme Council for America. It is preposterous! Rosicrucian Councils are appointed by the Grand Master from among the initiates—those who are real Rosicrucians—and they are not composed of the uninitiated or *recent* joiners who merely sign "the preliminary oath in the Official Black Book" of a spurious fraternal Order. Continuing, he tells us that:

(28) "From the batch of letters about seventy-five were selected, and a letter was mailed inviting them to attend an organization meeting at 'The Leslie,' West Eighty-third Street, near West End Avenue [New York City], on Wednesday evening, March 3 [1915].

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[6] The replies were numerous and very encouraging, but only *nine* attended the preliminary organization meeting.

[7] Astrology, with which AMORC has nothing to do, was useful in the beginning of the fabrication.

[8] This was not a charter, as we shall soon see. It was the paper which he had prepared and which was later signed by himself and his self-constituted "Supreme Council."

"About eighty men and women attended this meeting, among them being several Freemasons bent upon investigating the purposes of the Order and a *number* of *professional* and *scientific* men and women.[9]

"Most naturally there were some so-called skeptics present, and there were several who openly charged that it was a *religious* or spiritualistic movement.[1]

"The following explanation was given as the reason for the meeting:

"I will read from papers sent from abroad the aims, purposes, teachings and working of the Order. After that I will ask those who desire to affiliate with the Order to come forward and sign an application for membership, and then, before showing any of the *sacred 'jewels'* given to me or the *signs* and *seals* of the Order sent by the Masters, I will ask the applicants to sign the 'Preliminary Oath' in the Official Black Book.[2]

"About fifty signified their willingness—or rather delight—to take the necessary oath. Some demanded that all the sacred and secret matter be shown them before taking the oath or even signing an application for membership. Naturally those who took such an attitude, who demanded certain things without even professing their sincere desire to co-operate with us, were denied all information and were invited to retire. None who took such an attitude at that time have ever learned that the Light they sought was possible through humiliation alone. They are still without the pale of our Order.

"Of the others, the great majority now compose our Supreme Council[3] and constitute the Fourth Degree and are the *most advanced* and *enlightened* Rosaecrucians in America. Their sincerity, faith and *humiliation* have been rewarded with the Great Light. Thus it shall ever be: none can demand, by any right, the Light!" (*Id.*, p. 13. The italics are ours.)

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[9] It is well to note again his constant promotional propaganda, namely, the professional, scientific and important people who are connected with him and his fabrication. It is one of the *devices* used to promote his fraudulent scheme.

[1] However, he says nothing of several present who openly charged that his proposed Rose Cross Order was a fake and challenged him to show that it was not. They were asked to retire.

[2] Of course, the "jewels, signs and seals" were important (?). So, also, was the "Official Black Book" in his fabrication. Real Rosicrucians have never signed a Black Book.

[3] His Supreme Council has been a very elastic affair, expanding or contracting according to his desires or necessities. Today the Supreme Council is his family, as we shall see later in Chapter VI.

The Supreme Council

Of Whom Composed—How Formed

As to whom should comprise the Council and as to how it should be formed and constituted, he declares that:

> (29) "It was my personal wish that the applicants who passed such investigation as was required by our Order should form a Council to organize the Supreme Grand Lodge according to the ancient rules. I further desired this *Council to appoint* the *officers* of the Supreme Grand Lodge and the national executive officers. I did not desire to *arbitrarily use* the *power vested in me,* and I felt that far better than merely *announcing* myself as *Grand Master General* or *Imperator* by virtue of the Masters' orders would be to delegate the selection or election of such a responsible position to this *Council,* which was *representative* of the *thinking* and *learned* classes of the city." (*Id.,* p. 13. The italics are ours.)

Thus it appears that his Council was composed of raw recruits who knew nothing of Rosicrucianism, but representative, of course, of the *thinking* and *learned* classes. Because this was such a wonderful Council, as we shall presently see, he decided to let them elect him as *Grand Master General* of *his own* fabrication, instead of arbitrarily exercising his "power" vested by "virtue of the Masters' Orders." Possessing no authority and power and having failed to establish the same with all his papers, jewels, seals and trinkets, he attempts to supply that important essential by boldly declaring that such power was vested in him by virtue of the Masters. How many, he does not say, nor does he confine it to the *one* mythical Master whom he claims sponsored his project and venture in fraternal fraud.

Continuing with his historical account of the difficult process of organization, he now tells us of how the illustrious "Supreme Council" was formed; how the *illuminated* charter came into existence and shows unto us the *true* and *only* source of his authority and "vested" powers, as follows:

> (30) "Further organization meetings were held at the Hotel Empire on March 23rd, presided over by Dr. Julia Seton, and at our temporary Library at 68 West Seventy-first Street. *Finally* on *April 1* [on All Fools' Day, 1915], a Thursday, at 8:30 P. M., about *thirty* of the *most active workers* met at the proposed Lodge

Rooms on Seventh Avenue [in New York] and there with *due form constituted themselves the Supreme Council, signed an illuminated charter* [*?*], *declaring the authoritative, proper and legal establishment* [*?*] *of the AMORC in America* and *appointed the* national executive officers under *signs* and *seals*.[4]

"That the present Grand Master General and Imperator was then elected and *unanimously* appointed was a natural sequence of the events which led to that meeting. But it will always be a proud moment—a moment to remember with joy and sacredness—when the *twenty-five* Councilors, after *weeks* of *deliberation, investigation* and *sincere appreciation* of its import, arose as a body and rejoicingly signed the *American Charter*[5] which installed fourteen national officers in their very responsible positions. This charter [?] hangs upon the wall in the Imperator's office in the Supreme Grand Lodge and is destined to be a *famous document* [!] in American history.[6] *Designed, executed* and *illuminated* in all the rich colorings, *signs* and *decorations* used by the *ancients* in the making of *rare* and *sacred manuscripts,* it is not only typical of the *finest work* in that line, but of persistent determination on the part of many Americans to bring to this country the noble, austere Order Rosae Crucis." (*Id.,* pp. 13-14. The italics are ours.)

The Whole Truth

Unintentionally and Inadvertently Told

Although it was entirely unintentionally and most inadvertently disclosed, yet in the foregoing statement Mr. Lewis tells us the truth—the *whole truth*—about his fabricated and spurious R. C. Order, the principal device of his fraudulent scheme.

Being without Rosicrucian authority (the most he claimed at that time was sponsorship of a mythical Master and "power"

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[4] The "signs" illuminated it and the "seals" made it authoritative in due form, proper and legal.

[5] When the illuminated American Charter was signed is problematical. Thirty workers constituted themselves the Council on April 1, 1915. After *weeks* of investigation, only twenty-five Councilors signed the charter which installed the Officers. These would be strange proceedings in the real Order. Therefore, they were not authentic. See other accounts to follow of the formation of the "Council."

[6] This document, destined to become famous, soon lost its fame and usefulness and was abandoned. It was not included in the publication of his important documents, although it was his *first* Charter (!). Inasmuch as it tells the real truth as to his so-called R. C. authority, it may yet become famous as part of the documentary proof of a notorious fraternal swindle.

vested by orders of the Masters) and possessing *no* charter, he organized his fabrication with about thirty of the new and uninitiated members constituting themselves the Supreme Council and with twenty-five of them signing, with himself and some of the officers which they had appointed, the *illuminated* (!) charter which he had prepared.

Clearly and unquestionably, it was a spurious, so-called R. C. Order, entirely self-constituted, working under a paper called a charter, signed by its own members and alleged officers, without the slightest power or authority from any real or authentic source. THIS IS THE WHOLE TRUTH, AS APPEARS UPON THE FACE OF HIS EARLY PROMOTIONAL PROPAGANDA AND AS INADVERTENTLY REVEALED—BUT FULLY AND UNMISTAKABLY REVEALED—BY THE FABRICATOR AND PROMOTER OF AMORC.

Let us divert at this point to consider this so-called charter, alleged to be so wonderfully *"illuminated,"* and another story of the manner in which it was adopted. In his second promotional propaganda booklet, entitled *Rosicrucian Initiation*, issued in 1917, he sets forth a copy thereof and tells another and quite different story of *"the establishment of the American Supreme Council,"* as follows:

The American Charter

Another Story of How It Was Adopted

(31) "One of the *first acts* of the present Imperator was to call a *meeting of hundreds* of *representative* men and women, *occult students, physicians, clergymen, scientists, lawyers* and *authors*[7] and, after securing their oaths of secrecy, permitted them to hear a reading of the Ancient Constitution of the Order and the Secret Mandamuses from his superiors. The Constitution[8] called for a Supreme American Council to legally and formally *appoint* the necessary na-

[7] As we have seen by his statement made in 1916, only a few members—*"about thirty,"* who constituted themselves the Supreme Council—were present who signed the "illuminated" charter. In 1917 he changes his story. Then it was adopted by *"hundreds"* of representative men and women, after which it was "properly signed by those selected to form the American Supreme Council." But his promotional device of associating the most important people with his fabrication and fraudulent scheme continues the same.

[8] The Constitution had not been adopted at that time, and he had no "Ancient Constitution of the Order," as we have seen. See note 9 to quotation No. (11), *supra*.

> tional officers for the Order in America, and this was given to those assembled as a sacred duty to perform. After many formalities, the following Charter was formed[9] and adopted on April 1st by those duly assembled for the purpose. (*Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, p. 7. The italics are ours.)

Without regard to who made it, how it was illuminated, when or how it was adopted and irrespective of Lewis' conflicting tales about it, here is the self-made and self-executed "charter," "destined to become a famous document" in the history of fraternal swindles, to wit:

(32) IN MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED

"We, the undersigned, Ladies and Gentlemen, of New York City, were formally constituted members of the

SUPREME AMERICAN COUNCIL
of the
ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER OF THE
ROSE CROSS

in accordance with the Ancient Rites and Ceremonies under the direction and approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master General of America. Therefore, be it known that we hereby proclaim the establishment of the

ROSICRUCIAN ORDER IN AMERICA[1]

and recognize such Officers of its Grand Lodge as are hereunto subscribed as being duly appointed, in conformity with the

FIRST AMERICAN MANIFESTO.

Signed this 1st day of April in the year 1915.

(Signed) H. SPENCER LEWIS, *Grand Master General.*

(Signed) THOR KIIMALEHTO, *Secretary General.*

(Signed) NICHOLAS STORM, *Deputy Master General.*

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[9] Here he states that the "Charter was formed and adopted" by the hundreds assembled at the meeting called and assembled on April 1, 1915. Why did he not make that "illuminated charter" in 1913? This tale is repugnant to his story of 1916 in his historical account.

[1] With the council "established" with the approval of Lewis, acting under the Masonic title of the "Most Worshipful Grand Master General," his fabricated and fraudulent Rosicrucian Order was established in America by proclamation signed by himself and his uninitiated associates.

'LET THERE BE LIGHT,' FIAT LUX[2]

> "This Charter [!] or resolution was properly signed by those selected to form the American Supreme Council of the Order, and the Charter, framed and *sealed,* hangs in the Supreme Grand Lodge Temple in New York. Some of the original Supreme Councilors are Councilors still, while others are now Grand Masters and Officers of the Order in various capacities." (Second Propaganda Pamphlet, *Rosicrucian Initiation,* New York City, 1917, p. 7.)

In 1917 he began to weaken somewhat on his so-called charter and refers to it as: "This Charter or *Resolution.*" Resolution is correct. His fabrication simply resolved itself into existence. It had no real Rosicrucian sponsor, and it possessed no Rosicrucian authority. It was and still is a self-constituted, spurious R. C. Order—a *fraudulent scheme.*

Let us now return to his historical account of the fabrication and organization of his device called the AMORC. Continuing in the July issue, 1916, of *The American Rosae Crucis*, he says:

> (33) "Thereafter various Council and Committee meetings were held in the Order's Library, the Ancient Constitution of the Order was slightly modified to meet American conditions, voted upon and adopted,[3] and Lodge rooms— *the first American Rosae Crucis Temple*[4]—secured and equipped.
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> "On Thursday—the true Rosaecrucian day throughout the world[5]—May 13, 1915, the first true Rosaecrucian Convocation of the Order was held in the Temple amid beautiful and inspiring conditions, and *all* the appointed *National Officers,* the *Councilors* and a few others *were duly initiated* into the Order, Crossed the Threshold and were raised to the dignity of Knights, Sorores, Brothers and Sisters of the Order Rosae Crucis in accordance with the *true ancient rites and ceremony.*[6]

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[2] As the light came and the truth became known, practically all of the first members deserted his fabrication.

[3] Here it appears that the "Ancient Constitution" was not adopted until after the adoption of the "Illuminated Charter," which is hardly consistent with his statement in quotation (31).

[4] Mr. Lewis has published accounts and illustrations of at least three *first* Rosicrucian Temples in America. See Volume I, pp. 292 to 400, both inclusive.

[5] This is real news for Rosicrucians. They have never heard of "the true Rosicrucian day throughout the world."

[6] Rosicrucians are not made with "rites and ceremonies," but *become* Rosicrucians,

"What a glorious occasion! Sublime, perfect, sacred, mystic day—May 13, 1915! Long will it be remembered and honored by those who even now remain enthralled by the splendor and significance of the Convocation." *(American Rosae Crucis,* July, 1916, p. 14. The italics are ours.)

Preposterous and Impossible!

Beyond all doubt and cavil, this is the most preposterous absurdity ever asserted or put in print. The council was formed, the officers were elected, the establishment of the Order was proclaimed by the signing of an "illuminated charter" *by themselves* on April 1, 1915, but not until May 13, 1915, were any of them, including the Most Worshipful Grand Master General, initiated—and then *only* by *"rites* and *ceremonies"*—and made Rosicrucians in *one nightly* session. Were Rosicrucians ever so initiated—was a Rosicrucian Grand Lodge ever so instituted? Never, *Never*—NEVER! Such things are *impossible!* It proclaims its own spuriousness—*it is a fraud* upon its face.

Continuing his promotional propaganda, he proclaims that:

(34) "So rapidly did the announcement of this important convocation spread among *advanced occult students*[7] that the Membership Committee found it desirable to invite a number to join with us in spreading the Light throughout America. The result was that two weeks later, on Thursday, May 27, 1916, fifty more applicants Crossed the Threshold and were admitted into the First Degree as *probationers.*[8]

"Thereafter the regular convocations of the First Degree were held twice monthly, on Thursday evenings, and the work of *illu-*

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self-initiated, by living the life and doing the work, as we have hereinbefore shown. See Volume I, pp. 205-206.

[7] Very few advanced occult students were attracted. They knew it was a fake. The few who did take the trouble to investigate it immediately pronounced it a fraud. It was never intended as an organization for real occult students; it was designed to trap those who did not know and to prey on the gullible.

[8] Here a number of First Degree members were admitted into the AMORC as PROBATIONERS. However, in the May issue of the *American Rosae Crucis,* at p. 29, in answer to the question: What of all these terms, "student," "probationer," "disciple"? Where do they originate? Mr. Lewis states: "They do not occur anywhere in the 'Secret Mandamuses' of the AMORC, nor are they ever heard in the Rosaecrucian Temples of Egypt, France, Spain, Tibet or Australia. They could have no place in the work of Rosaecrucianism." So he *does* and, therefore, he *does not* have probationers in his fabrication.

mination—and elimination—was carried on throughout the warm summer months.

"Then, in July, at one of the Convocations, the Grand Deputy Master presented to the Grand Master General and Imperator, on behalf of the Lodge, a beautiful silver and gold Master's Jewel set with a red stone, as the Lodge's acknowledgment and appreciation of the Order's great work. This 'Jewel' completed the Master's authoritative regalia and *made him* the *acclaimed* and *legal head* of the Order in America." (*Id.*, p. 14. The italics are ours.)

We have remarked before that "jewels" play and have played a very important part in the fabrication of AMORC. They are among his important *devices*. However, it would seem from the foregoing that the "Master's Jewel" becomes the headstone of his fabrication and is the *master device* of all the jewels and devices. Here he tells us that "this *jewel,*" presented to him by the Lodge, "completed the Master's authoritative regalia and *made him* the *acclaimed* and *legal head* of the Order in America."

Just how this "keystone" jewel, presented to him by his deluded members, completed his large and unique collection of jewels and made him the *legal head* of the Rose Cross Order in America, which had its own *legal head, duly functioning,* we are unable to explain. It does not seem logical and does not make sense to us. Perhaps the pinning upon him of this "beautiful silver-and-gold Master's Jewel with a red stone" on it made him the master of his fabrication on the same theory and in the same manner that the pinning of a detective's badge from the "Detectives Correspondence School" upon the gullible country boy made him the "world's greatest detective"—in his imagination.

However, his statement that he was the *legal head* of the "Order in America" was not quite true or there was still some lingering doubt about it, because later in the same "authentic" historical account of his fabrication he tells us:

Pronunziamento No. 987,432

Settles Every Question—Removes All Doubt

(35) "Early in August of 1915 a complete report of our American activities and successes was sent to the Supreme Grand Lodge of France to be forwarded to the *Supreme Council of the World.*

> At the same time a formal request was made by the *Grand Master General* on behalf of the Lodge here for a *regularly executed paper* of Sponsorship of the American Order *signed by the Supreme Council,*[9] should that Council deem the status of the American Order sufficient proof that its instructions and laws were being obeyed.
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> "On September 30, 1915, after a special assembly of the Supreme Council in France, there was prepared and duly issued 'Pronunziamento R. F. R. C. No. 987,432' embodying a Manifesto declaring that the Supreme Council and Grand Lodge AMORC of France on behalf of the Supreme Council AMORC of the World, *declared* and *acknowledged* its complete sponsorship of the Order in America, *confirmed* the initiation of the American Imperator and his appointment as Dignitary Supreme in North America and verified its issuance of papers, instructions, jewels, seals, etc., to him." *(Id.,* pp. 14-15. The italics are ours.)

Notwithstanding all of his alleged *permission, sponsorship, papers, jewels, seals, insignia and "what-nots"* to the contrary, nevertheless, he possessed no authority and had no right to establish an R. C. Order in America. He *knew this*—perhaps better than anyone—and his members also *knew* it. With this knowledge constantly in his mind and his members and prospects seriously questioning his right and authority, he pretended to send an "official report" to his "sponsors" in France, which he tells about in the foregoing paragraph, requesting a *"regularly executed paper of sponsorship."* (Perhaps all his other papers, if executed, had been irregularly executed.) All of this was done preparatory to his presentation to his members and the world of "Pronunziamento R. F. R. C. No. 987,432," which he *himself* made, manufactured and adorned with many mysterious seals and presented to himself to strengthen his spurious claims and to add to his *devices of fabrication.*

Continuing his historical account of his own cunning and deception, he describes this unique "regularly executed paper of sponsorship" as follows:

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[9] This procedure casts a serious shadow of doubt upon and belies his positive and unequivocal statement made in his own autobiography, published in the February issue of the *American Rosae Crucis* at p. 18—our quotation (16)—when and where he says, in substance, that in 1909, at the time he received his marvelous Rosicrucian "Initiation," the Supreme Councils of France and Egypt gave permission to establish the R. C. Order in America in 1915, and that the Supreme Council of France confirmed this in 1914 by sending to him *papers, jewels* and *various articles* with which to establish the Order.

"Very Important Document"

(36) "This very *important document*[1] written on the specially prepared and water-marked paper of the French Order, was *signed* and *sealed* by the present Supreme Grand Master of the Order *in France,*[2] his officers and the Grand Master who at one time initiated the American Imperator into the Order.

"The signatures—some of them of *prominent men* in *military and governmental affairs* of France, are accompanied by their *official 'marks'* and the *seals*[3] of various sizes and designs add *verity* and *attractiveness* to this *unique* document. Suspended from the paper itself is one of the curious, old-styled wax-and-paper seals of the Order, bearing its *strange,* though intelligible, *marks and words.*

"The document was enclosed in a lightweight metallic, telescope envelope, which was moisture proof. It was sealed, and had the *French Orders national* or *Supreme Council's* seal impressed in the metal of the container, and bore not only the necessary *postage stamps* but *others of a military and 'custom' nature,* bearing *marks of approval and examination abroad.*

"The document, properly framed and preserving the original container, hangs upon the wall in the Supreme Grand Lodge in New York beside the *American Council Charter,* where it may be easily seen and read, for it is written in very fair English."[4] (*Id.,* p. 15. The italics are ours.)

"Specially Prepared" by the Artist, Mr. Lewis

That "very important" but *entirely spurious* document—the

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[1] This "very important document" was not included among the "important documents" published by Lewis. It was never important, except as a *Fraudulent Device.* Now it has been lost and can not be produced, because it was a fraudulent device and is evidence of his fraud.

[2] Particular attention is directed to the fact that in quotation (35) the request for a "regularly executed paper of Sponsorship" was addressed to the Supreme Council of the World, whereas the document prepared and executed by Lewis purports to have been executed—*"signed and sealed by the present Supreme Grand Master of the Order in France."* That is a peculiar and strange mistake to have been made by one so cunning as the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Fraud.

[3] Sponsorship by governmental and military officials with their official "marks" and "seals" is also one of his "official" *devices* often employed by him, as we have often pointed out. It also carries its own "official" *Badge of Fraud.*

[4] The circumstances that this paper, purporting to be a French document, was written in English is suspicious. Frenchmen do not write their documents in English; they are too proud of their own language to execute important documents in any language other than French.

"regularly executed paper of sponsorship"—was "Made in America," designed, manufactured and executed on behalf of the mythical French Grand Master and his officers by H. Spencer Lewis, by him adorned with many seals—wrapped, packed and sealed—by him sent to France, to be returned to America as the written evidence of his false claim to French sponsorship of his fraternal racket. The only matters official on the wrapper, which was so carefully preserved for exhibition purposes, were the French postage stamps, postal marks, customs stamps and inspection marks. These were the "marks of approval [!] and examination abroad" which the wrapper showed. Such a statement is ridiculous, falsified ballyhoo.

His elaborate and detailed description of that spurious document—even to the alleged officially water-marked paper, the signatures of prominent military and governmental officials, official "marks" and *seals* of various sizes and designs to add *"verity"* to it, and the stressing of the importance and uniqueness of the document—shows that he knew it was spurious. Guilty knowledge causes men to do such things. Such descriptions and extra precaution to make a document seem plausible and authentic are a *Badge of Fraud.* Authentic documents prove their own authenticity and need no such pretexts, elaboration and extraneous efforts to sustain them.

After we have given final consideration to his historical account of the "establishment" of his fraudulent device in America, we shall give further consideration to that "very important document."

Important People

An Important Promotional Device

As shown in this work and as specially pointed out in commenting on his bombastic claims set forth in our quotation (6), he has continuously asserted the association of prominent, learned, professional, influential people and officials of government with himself and his fraternal project.

In concluding his aforesaid historical account concerning his "Order," he does so with one of his typical promotional *devices* in this fashion:

(37) "Little more need be said regarding the work of the Order in this country which is speaking so eloquently for itself.

"After only fourteen months since the first initiation was held in this country we find the Order in many states, Lodges being conducted by *clergymen, physicians* and *very often* by men who are *high-degree Freemasons.*[5] Our rank and file of membership includes —as in other countries—the *wealthy merchants, land owners, newspaper editors, government officials, physicians, surgeons, lawyers, scientists, professional men and women, artists,* and artisans, even the lowly workers in the narrow and humble trades,—all working equally for a common good, meeting on a common level." (*Id.*, p. 15. The italics are ours.)

In his second propaganda booklet, *Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, he published a fac-simile of his very important, regularly executed paper of sponsorship and gave another account of its origin and another description of its import, as follows:

Strange Looking Document

Five Seals, Nine Signatures, With a Metal Container

(38) "As soon as THIS *Supreme Council* for America had approved of the selection and election of the principal officers [April 1, 1915], it expressed its desire to have the American Order *properly* sponsored by the *highest living* authorities of the Order abroad.[6]

"Accordingly the Elected Grand Master, H. Spencer Lewis, reported the official acts of the Council to his superiors and requested a signed and sealed paper of sponsorship or *Charter.*[7]

"In October of 1915—six months after the Supreme Lodge in

[5] This is further evidence that he used Masonry and Masons to promote his project.

[6] Compare this statement made in 1917 with his statement made in 1916—our quotation (35). Here he reveals that his supreme Council, as soon as it had approved of the selection and elected the officers, which was on April 1, 1915, expressed a desire to have the Order "properly sponsored." Here is further and significant evidence that those who joined with him in the organization of his spurious Order doubted and seriously questioned his authority and alleged rights. Here also is shown the motive and the necessity for his manufacturing that "strange-looking document" of sponsorship. These significant facts cannot escape the attention, namely, that the "highest living authorities abroad of the Order" were to sponsor his American Order, which he contended was the "Supreme Council of the World." However, the certificate of sponsorship which he manufactured only purports to have been issued by the Grand Master and Council of France.

[7] Here by cunning suggestion he would leave the impression that the paper in question was a charter. It is one of his little tricks to refer to papers as being "charters" when they are not charters at all.

New York had held its first and succeeding convocations—there was handed to the Supreme Council the following official communication, sent to the Grand Master in a metal container bearing the French Rosaecrucian Seal and other official marks, even to the R. C. symbols water-marked in the old hand-made paper upon which the communication was oddly written: [Here follows a fac-simile of the document in question which we have reproduced for our readers in our Reproduction No. 64.]

"This *strange-looking document,* bearing 5 seals and 9 signatures, with its metal container or envelope, is framed[8] and hangs upon the walls of the Imperator's office in New York, where it has been seen and examined by more men and women than possibly any other occult or scientific document ever known to America.[9]

"In a meeting of the Supreme Council duly assembled the communication was read, examined, accepted and adopted by the passing of official resolutions, and the Grand Master was duly made Imperator of the Order for America and Commander-in-Chief of the Knights of the Rose Cross for the North American Continent.

"*In this wise was the Order established in America,* after Mr. Lewis had gone to France to secure permission and power to do so,[1] and after *hundreds* of *conservative, sincere, truth-seeking business men and women had tested every* claim, *every* paper, *every* document and *every* principle upon which the Order in this Country was to rest its foundation." *(Rosicrucian Initiation,* pp. 8-9. The italics are ours.)

Devices of Fraud

It was about the time of the arrival back in America of that American-made paper of French sponsorship that he decided that the single title of Grand Master General was wholly insufficient for the all-important head and founder of his fraternal racket and then assumed the titles of Imperator and Commander-in-Chief.

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[8] The fact and circumstance that he framed the envelope metal container along with the "paper" to prove that it had actually come from France, as shown by the canceled French stamps and postal marks, is very suspicious and indicates clearly that it was manufactured and spurious.

[9] This is braggadocio propaganda—a type of device often employed to promote his fraternal project. Very few people were in the Grand Lodge or in the Imperator's office. It was seen and examined by a few. This is clearly indicated by the fact that his first organization "folded up" shortly thereafter, as we shall presently see.

[1] Compare this statement, as to how he established his "Order" in America, with his preceding and subsequent statements on the same subject quoted herein.

Since that time he has continued to acquire and add titles to his name until their numbers are staggering and appalling.

In this manner Rosicrucian Grand Lodges are *not* established, yet in this promotional pamphlet issued to induce uninformed, credulous and gullible people to join his spurious R. C. Order, he represents that "in this wise"—upon this spurious paper of sponsorship—"was the Order established in America after Mr. Lewis had gone to France to secure permission and power to do so." After a review of his alleged "permission and power" to establish "the Order" in America and an examination of his manufactured and counterfeit paper of sponsorship, his bombastic and false representations that the Order was not established until "after *hundreds* of conservative, sincere, truth-seeking business men and women had *tested every* claim, *every* paper, *every* document and *every principle* upon which the Order (his fabrication) in this country was to rest its foundation" can be understood only as a *device* and *artifice of fraud.*

Indeed, as we have seen (page 385, *supra*) and shall further see, it has been one of his favorite promotional "stunts" and often-employed *fraudulent devices* to assert—to positively represent—that his false and fictitious claims to Rosicrucian sponsorship and authority have been examined, approved and pronounced genuine time and time again by the most knowing people and the highest authorities.

"Settled" and "Accepted"

Tested by the Very Highest Authorities (!)

Although he had presented to his members a very "strange-looking document" bearing five seals and nine signatures with a metal container, which he says his self-constituted Supreme Council had "examined, accepted and adopted by the passing of official resolutions," yet no one was convinced that he possessed one iota of Rosicrucian knowledge, power or authority. Despite all his cunning trickery and fair-faced misrepresentations, the doubt thereof still persisted, and the fraudulent practices heretofore described had failed. Irritated and in desperation, apparently he decided to become bold and to put over his questioned and questionable undertaking by the sheer force and astounding audacity of his own

declaration. Accordingly, in April, 1916, he brazenly, categorically and unequivocally declared that:

> (39) "The American Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis is the only authoritative, sanctioned and legitimate Order of Rosae-crucianism in America, and IT HAS HAD NO AUTHORIZED PREDECESSORS.[2] It is the only Order having papers *signed abroad by the Masters,* possessing the *ancient* and *official Jewels* and *Seals* and having the *true Secret Mandamuses,* with *correct ancient Lodge work and teachings.* The *very highest authorities*[3] in such matters have carefully investigated and tested these claims, and aside from some little astonishment at the magnitude of the work being done,[4] there is *no question* of the authority of the American Order." (*American Rosae Crucis,* April, 1916, p. 29. The italics are ours.)

As we proceed we shall see how often he resorts to the use of the device of pretended examination and testing of his papers and claims and the willful declarations that they have been proven to be true and genuine. Such claims as above set forth and the like can only raise grave suspicions. They are declaratory *Badges of Fraud.*

As a matter of fact, he has never submitted his claims and the evidence or proof thereof to any competent authority for an honest and fair examination. On the contrary, he has consistently evaded such an examination and test and refused to meet such a test when invited to do so,[5] and his good faith was weighed in the balance and found wanting.

"The Supreme Pontiff in Egypt"

Another Mythical Being Is Created as a Fraudulent Device to "Approve" His Scheme

Inasmuch as he contended that Rosicrucian bodies can be formed

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[2] This statement flatly contradicts and is repugnant to his later claims that early Rosicrucians established an R. C. temple on an island off the coast of California, to which he journeyed in 1918 and obtained rare "devices, papers, jewels and a sealed sarcophagus" ; and that a colony of Rosicrucians leaving Europe in 1693 established and maintained the "First American" R. C. organization for a number of years near Philadelphia, Pa. See quotations (74), (67), (68), (89) and (92).

[3] Such as his own selected "voluntary" committees, as shown in *White Book D.*

[4] As we review his claims and devices, it would seem that the only astonishment that could exist is that resulting from the magnitude of his audacity and chicanery.

[5] See Volume I, Book Three, pp. 133 to 171, both inclusive.

in *only one way,* and that by *"sponsorship,"* as shown in quotation (8), and whereas he had boldly claimed his authority under and by virtue of the sponsorship of the Grand Lodge of France and then produced the "strange-looking document bearing five seals and nine signatures" to prove it, which would appear to be altogether sufficient, *if* and *provided* his claims were true and well founded and the proof thereof genuine; but the claims were not true and well founded, and the "proof" which he tendered was not genuine and convinced none save only the gullible and credulous.

Therefore, still perplexed and desperately in need of a "paper" to prove his alleged Rosicrucian rights, powers and authority, he resolved to manufacture another document so apparently perfect that it would defy detection of its spuriousness and as coming from such a high source of concealed authority that none might question its authenticity. To do this it was necessary for him to postulate or imagine the existence of that which had never existed, namely, one *Supreme Head* or a *Pope* of the Rosicrucian Fraternity. This, however, he accomplished with the "greatest of ease" by the use of his prolific imagination, which performs with the agility of the "young man on the flying trapeze," and without difficulty he created, as another fraudulent device to further his scheme, the "PONTIFF SUPREME PERFECT HIGH ANCIENT SHEKAH EL MORIA RA *of Memphis,"* and with equal ease and likewise as miraculously he created himself the "MOST PERFECT MASTER PROFUNDIS" of the largest Rosicrucian jurisdiction in the world with twenty-one votes out of forty-eight in his imaginary and mythical Council of the World, thereby removing his fabrication from under the "sponsorship" of France and placing himself directly under the personal care and immediate supervision of the *one* and *only supreme* head—"the highest Officer of the Order in the world."

With the aforesaid design of his perfect plan drawn on the trestle-board of his imagination, with his deft and artistic hands and cunning ability, he fashioned and fabricated *"Pronunziamento R. C. No. 987,601,"* forwarded it to France, to be mailed to the Supreme Secretary General of his fabricated and spurious Order Rosae Crucis in this country. It arrived back in this country on Tuesday, the 17th day of October, 1916 (about one year after the arrival of his strange-looking document of "sponsorship"), which he published with an account thereof in the September issue, 1916,

of *The American Rosae Crucis,* as follows:

(40) "Up to the present time, and from its inception and establishment in this country, the Order Rosae Crucis in America has been under the protection of the Order Rosae Crucis in France, which had issued a paper of sponsorship for the Order here.

"A PRONUNZIAMENTO FROM FRANCE

"On Tuesday, the 17th of October [1916], the Supreme Secretary-General of the Order Rosae Crucis in this country received by mail an official document bearing *several seals* and *official marks,* mailed from France. The document consisted of a paper 26 inches long and 10 inches wide, *carefully engrossed* and written and containing *a specially made* map of the world in the centre of its text. It reads as follows:

" 'PRONUNZIAMENTO

" 'Republic Francaise, R. C. No. 987,601.

" 'A la Occident:

" 'Le Secretaire-General, Respected Knight Thor Kiimalehto, Ancient R. C.

" 'Greetings Before the Sign of the Cross:—

" 'At a High *Lateran Council*[6] of the Council R. C. of the World held in Egypt in Memphis on July 20, A. D. 1916, R. C. 3269, the R. C. territories of the world were readministered in contingency of the necessary readjustment after the termination of the warring activities of the nations of Europe and Asia, and in contemplation of the certain reorganization early in the year 1917 A. D., the said Council decreed a division of territories as conceived on the map and chart which constitutes an official part of this document.

" 'In accordance therewith we officially notify you, and through your respected offices the Supreme Council of Amerique,[7] that there are now Eight Jurisdictions in substitution of the original Seven,[8]

[6] A Lateran Council is a high council of the Catholic Church always held in Rome, never in Memphis, Egypt, as we shall presently show.

[7] Note the spelling of America. This use of just a few French words in this spurious paper is a dead give-away. It shows that it was written by one who knew only a few French words. No Frenchman would use the English word for republic in connection with the French word for French, thus: "Republic Francaise." A Frenchman would write it: *"Republique Francais"* or possibly with the female ending "Francaise."

[8] This is not only fallacious—it is childlike and foolish. The Rosicrucians have never divided the world into any certain number of jurisdictions. Therefore, this

and that the jurisdiction of Amerique has been made an Official Jurisdiction no longer under the protectorate of any other Jurisdiction, but coming directly under the direction of the *Pontiff Supreme*[9] *Perfect High Ancient Shekah, El Moria Ra of Memphis.* Official notice accompanied by the *Gold Seal* of the *R. C. High Council* will be mailed direct to your *Most Perfect Master 'Profundis'* when such gold seal bearing his name and *new title*[1] shall have been completed in the Atelier of the Memphis Grotto.

" 'As a result of the position your territory now occupies, and since your Jurisdiction is now the *largest* in the world, your Council is privileged with the honor of *twenty-one* of the *forty-eight* votes on the Council of the World to which *dignity your Jurisdiction is elected* by its allotment to separate Jurisdiction.[2]

" 'Furthermore, by this decree, and by this document it is so decreed, the *Most Perfect Master,* H. Spencer Lewis, is made a *Councilor of the World,*[3] likewise you, Most Respected Knight, are appointed *Councilor of the World*[4] and in the hands of both of you shall rest the appointment of the third Councilor and such appointment is to be duly reported to us that we may inform the *High Archivist* at Memphis.

" 'May Peace and Power crown your noble efforts and those of your *Most Perfect Master* to whom you shall transmit these decrees,

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statement is false. It is more than a reverie of a fraternal racketeer. It is a fraudulent device.

[9] Here he creates a Pope Supreme for his fantastic world-wide myth and places his American fabrication under the immediate direction of the non-existent supreme ruler, thereby taking himself from under the faked French sponsorship.

[1] And he collects another seal—a *gold seal* this time! Here he tells us that the new title, *Profundis,* was conferred upon him at the "Council R. C. of the World" in Egypt, the notice of which he received on October 17, 1916, but we note that in closing the Fifth Installment of the Complete History of his fabrication he signs it "Fr. 12. Ill. R. F., Profundis." See quotation (23). This was published in May, 1916. Therefore, it appears that he created the title *Profundis* for himself before he created the meeting of the World Council in Egypt which conferred it upon him. In his declaration of "authority" in 1921 he says in quotations (58) that the name of "Profundis as Fratre" was conferred upon him at the time of his alleged initiation in France in 1909. It is a mystery how he became "Profundis" and the "Most Perfect Master Profundis."

[2] Here he creates himself a separate jurisdiction—and almost captures the "Council of the World!" It would be marvelous if it were not ridiculous.

[3] Heretofore he had appointed himself a "Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosaecrucian Order" and a Legate of the Order for this country, but here he appoints himself a *"Councilor of the World."* The swift expansiveness of his imagination is remarkable.

[4] Lewis was magnanimous when he wrote this "Pronunziamento." With his same magical wand he created his beloved *Le Secretaire General* a "Most Respected Knight" and also appointed him a Councilor of the World.

so mote it be![5]

" 'Signed and given to seal on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1916, R. C. 3269 in the ..... France,

J..... J..... (Seal)
Archivist

Subscribed,

M. M. de la L.....(Seal)
Secretary

" 'Approved,
L.....
(Official Seal of the Supreme Council of France.)'

"Wonderful Compliment"

Tremendous Voting Power

"The map on the above document shows that the whole North American Continent, from the Republic of Panama to the most Northern point of the continent, forms the American Jurisdiction, and includes all above and all below the United States as well as the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands. Other very important changes on the map will be shown in our next issue, when possibly the map itself will be reproduced. One of the most important changes, however, is that not only has the *Dominion of Canada come under our Jurisdiction,* but Australia is now under the *Royal Jurisdiction of Egypt;* and the British Isles, once powerful in the Order, are now without any power whatever, their Jurisdiction having been taken from them because the Order there limited its membership for many years to men in an attempt to make it *semi-Masonic.*[6] Until the Order in England again admits women on an equal basis with men it will be denied the right to assemble, to hold Lodge meetings or to have the secret work or teachings.[7]

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[5] Masons will recognize this declaratory closing phrase. It is entirely Masonic in its use. Rosicrucians never encroach upon Masonry and, therefore, never use this phrase. Here we have further evidence of his misuse of Masonry in the fabrication of his fraternal racket and the promotion thereof.

[6] This is ignorant prattle. The authentic Rosicrucian Order of England never denied membership to women. No attempt was ever made to make it "semi-Masonic." In ignorance he confused the *Societas Rosicruciana in Anglia* with the Rosicrucian Order in England. There are two different and distinct organizations. See pp. 216 to 221, *supra,* especially p. 220.

[7] It being particularly noted that he suspended the "once powerful" English Order so as to acquire jurisdiction over the Dominion of Canada, but placed Australia, other territory of the British Empire, under the "Royal Jurisdiction of Egypt." There

"The document itself gives to our Order here not only a greater field—the *largest Jurisdiction* of all, but gives us the *voting power of almost one-half* of the Council of the World, with *three* World Councilors, each having *seven votes.*

"This is indeed a wonderful compliment to the work we have done and the success we have attained. [!] It refutes many statements made by those who would weaken our power and justifies the high expectations of those who have become intimately acquainted with the inner workings of the Order. [This braggadocio is a typical selling device.]

"(The name of the place, city, and officers at the close of the document is *purposely* left blank in this public printing of this document, for it would furnish additional *information to those who have been trying to personally and commercially benefit through the Order.)*[8] One very important fact stands out boldly and that is that the name of the *highest Officer of the Order in the world* is not *Moria El* as a few would have it in order to commercialize some facts, but is *El Moria Ra,*[9] a very different name with a very different meaning, and he resides in Memphis, not Tibet." *(American Rosae Crucis,* September, 1916, pp. 24-25. The italics are ours.)

Proclaims Itself a Fake

As is the case with all his "important" papers, documents and alleged charters, this novel and ingenious "Pronunziamento" pronounces itself to be a fake. It is a *fraud upon its face.* Purporting to be of importance and of French origin, it is written in poor

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is no accounting for this action, except that the Imperator of Fraternal Racketeering is now and then a trifle inconsistent.

[8] Lewis was very fearful lest someone should profit commercially through his fabrication. However, he successfully converted it into a fraternal merchandising concern, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

[9] In the June issue, 1916, of the *American Rosae Crucis,* at p. 17, Lewis published an article by G. A. Immanuel M. Sykes with a picture of *"Master Moria El"* opposite the article. Mr. Sykes claimed that Moria El was the Supreme Master of the Order Rosae Crucis of the World and that he resided in Tibet. Sykes, who owned certain pictures of said alleged Master, accused Lewis of trying to steal them. They fell out over the disputed right to sell these pictures of the alleged *Master Moria El* to the gullible. This is the explanation for the above statement of Lewis and the reason he created a new Master with a similar name, to wit: *"El Moria Ra,"* residing at Memphis as the supreme head of his world-wide myth and non-existent, world-wide Order. Space does not permit us to go into the details of this story of the "Masters" and Lewis' quarrel with the Brother Sykes. However, from that time on, off and on, Lewis has been selling pictures of the "Masters" to his members.

English, with a few French words to give it a French flavor, yet used as no Frenchman would use them. It appears to be a "French document" prepared by an American. As said before, it is certain that no Frenchman would write an important document in English. Although he admits that he knows but little French, it has been a common practice of this charlatan to use French titles and to sprinkle a few French words here and there in his "papers" to give them the appearance of being of alien origin and to add to their mystery and profundity. In so doing he has also added a few Badges of Fraud to show that the aforesaid papers are spurious.

Here we have what purports to be a document originating in France, purporting to have been signed by officers of the Supreme Council of France, under the official seal of said alleged Supreme Council, certifying to action taken by an alleged superior body, under the supreme head of the Order, at a *"High Lateran Council"* held in Memphis, Egypt. *It is a ridiculous farce.* What would you think of the alleged action of a Justice of the Peace on the banks of the Belle-Fourche River near Cheyenne in attempting to certify to the actions and proceedings of the Supreme Court of the United States? You would promptly pronounce the certificate a huge joke and the Justice of the Peace a crank and simpleton. *It is not done.* Inferior bodies do not certify to the proceedings of superior bodies. If the alleged "Supreme Council R. C. of the World," holding an alleged *"High Lateran Council"* in Memphis, had certified to its alleged proceedings, under the alleged "Gold Seal" of the alleged "R. C. High Council" from Memphis, Egypt, the certificate would have been more plausible on its face. Instead, by its very foolish method of certification, "Pronunziamento No. 987,601" CERTIFIES TO ITS OWN SPURIOUSNESS. Indeed, the "Most Perfect Master Profundis" got his procedure and certificates all mixed up at the very beginning of his profound career of fraternal racketeering—gave himself dead away and FURNISHED THE EVIDENCE OF THE FRAUDULENT NATURE OF HIS OWN FABRICATION.

High Lateran Council

A High Council of the Catholic Church Always Held in Rome—Never at Memphis or Elsewhere

No one—not even the "Most Perfect Master Profundis"—ever

heard of the Rosicrucians or any other organization, except the high Catholic Church, holding a *High Lateran Council*,[1] because such Councils are distinctively and exclusively Roman Catholic Councils, held in the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN LATERAN at Rome, and *not* elsewhere, which is the Cathedral Church of the Pope as Bishop of Rome and as such is the highest ranking Catholic Church in the world. The Lateran Palace, originally imperial, was formerly a residence of the Popes and is now a Museum.[2] Lateran Councils are High Councils of the Catholic Church, held in the high church of St. John Lateran or formerly held in the Lateran Palace in Rome. Therefore, when the Imperator of AMORC—the Lewistonian Hierarchy of Fraternal Fraud—created this fraudulent device and made it certify to the proceedings of a "High Lateran Council" of a mythical "Council R. C. of the World," held in Memphis, Egypt, he made himself the BARON MUNCHAUSEN OF THE OCCULT—not the "Most Perfect Master Profundis"—by ridiculously certifying to that which never was or is or yet shall be, thereby showing upon its face and by the utter foolishness and absolute impossibility of its contents that his Pronunciamento No. 987,601[3] is a fake—*a counterfeit*—A DELUSION AND A FRAUD.

Despicable Chicanery

An Appeal to Anti-Catholic Sentiment

At the same time that he was attempting to steal the High Lateran Council from the Catholic Church and to make it a high council of his own fabrication he attempted to promote his spurious Order R. C. by an appeal to anti-Catholic sentiment published immediately preceding his announcement concerning his aforesaid

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[1] But Mr. Lewis also held another "Lateran Council" of his spurious American Order R. C. in New York City on October 25, 1917, being the *Twenty-first* "Lateran Council" of his fabrication at which a Supreme Grand Master of AMORC was duly elected. See *American Rosae Crucis,* November, 1917, pp. 223-224.

[2] See Funk & Wagnall's Practical Standard Dictionary (1936), p. 650, or any standard dictionary or encyclopedia.

[3] Lewis issued to himself Pronunciamento No. 987,432 in October, 1915, and Pronunciamento No. 987,601 in October, 1916. One hundred and sixty-nine are a good many pronunciamentos to issue in one year. But where are the other 169 pronunciamentos? That is a profound mystery which should be looked into very deeply.

faked pronunciamento, as follows:

> (41) "Our members and our readers generally will be pleased to learn that the Order Rosae Crucis in America has been greatly honored by the Supreme Council abroad and that this compliment comes just at the time that the Roman Catholic Church is attacking the Order.
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> "Just as has Freemasonry been attacked by the Roman Catholic Church so has our Order been attacked. Because of the aggressiveness and its growth the Order Rosae Crucis in America as well as in all other countries has been condemned by the Pope as destructive to the principles of Roman Catholicism. It has issued what is popularly called 'Bulls' against the Order, and it was no surprise to learn that the Pope has decreed against the Order in this country as his predecessors have decreed against the Order in every other country of the globe where it has been spreading the Light.
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> "Our Order here will forever feel that it has been complimented by receiving the condemnation of the Pope and the Roman Catholic Church. It will always appreciate such a compliment almost as greatly as it appreciates the other compliment paid by the Supreme Council of the World and which will be explained later in this article." *(American Rosae Crucis,* September, 1916, pp. 22-23.)

The Pope had not attacked Lewis' spurious R. C. Order; he knew nothing of it. Indeed, it was too small and insignificant to attract his attention. It was simply an appeal to anti-Catholic sentiment to secure members for his fabrication—especially to Masons. This is another example of his various attempts to use Masons and Masonry to promote his Rosicrucian swindle. Verily, verily, the tricky devices of this Most Perfect Master of fraternal racketeering are of infinite variety and of countless number! Let us return to the consideration of his aforesaid pronunciamento.

Betrayed by His Mathematics

Mathematics is the essential basis of science, yet this highly scientific Most Perfect Master Profundis has been betrayed by his poor mathematics. According to his statement and his pronunciamentos, there were seven jurisdictions represented in the World Council, which met and created his own jurisdiction without saying a word to him about it, and then there were eight jurisdictions. His being the newest, with an insignificant organization with the fewest

members with the most territory, was the most important of them all. Nevertheless, he was given three World Councilors with seven votes each, twenty-one votes in all out of a total of forty-eight votes of the entire Council, leaving only twenty-seven votes to represent the other seven remaining jurisdictions representing all the rest of the world.

Now, according to another and earlier statement—quotation (6)—his mythical world organization was then the most powerful secret organization in the world with its *millions* of members in every country on the globe, but, of course, with very few of them at that time in this country, where his fabrication was struggling to get itself organized and really did not get under headway until 1926—some ten years later. Therefore, for his pitiful handful of members to be represented on the "World Council" with twenty-one votes, while the teeming *millions* in every country on the globe were only represented by twenty-seven votes, does not seem exactly right. It makes the tail wag the dog. He is betrayed by the mathematics of his story, and his World Council—created and existing only in his imagination, wherein his own self-importance is more important than his World Council—is shown to be a myth, a *delusion and a fraud.*

There Was, But Now There Is Not, One Supreme Head of His Mythical World-Wide Order

If further evidence is needed to prove that his said Pronunciamento last mentioned is a rank counterfeit, there is this further convincing proof, furnished by himself, which clearly establishes its spuriousness.

Under this curious and unique "paper"—twenty-six inches long and ten inches wide—called "Pronunziamento No. 987,601," he claims that there is one Supreme Head of his fabrication throughout the world, namely, *"Pontiff Supreme Perfect High Ancient Shekah El Moria Ra,"* under whose immediate jurisdiction and direction he placed himself and his American fabrication.

Under the heading, *"The Jurisdiction of the Order,"* in the October issue of his official organ, he says:

> (42) "By the recent decree of the Supreme Rosaecrucian Council of the World, held in Memphis, Egypt, July 20, 1916, and pre-

sided over by the *Pontiff Supreme Perfect High Ancient Shekah El Moria Ra,* the Order in America was given a distinct Jurisdiction to be known as the American Jurisdiction. By this decree, transmitted through the Supreme Rosaecrucian Council of France, which was the sponsor for the Order in America, *we have the necessary* CHARTER or PATENT *for our official existence in America* and our affiliation throughout the world." *(American Rosae Crucis,* October, 1916, p. 8. The capitalization and italics are ours.)

And again in December, 1916, with some variations, he claimed the right to establish his fabrication in America by virtue of the approval of the *one* "Supreme Pontiff of the Order in Egypt," as follows:

(43) "For the benefit of those who receive this publication for the first time, or who have no clear understanding of the purposes of our Order, we wish to make plain these fundamental statements:

"The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis was *established* in America in *February of 1915.*[4] It is practically two years old in this country, but has established, in this short time, Grand and Subordinate Lodges in many states and territories. It is growing and will soon have Lodges in every state and eventually in every large city of the North American Continent.

"Its rights and privileges to establish, as well as all its rituals, teachings and wonderful laws, have been transmitted to the Supreme Council in this country from the Order in Europe by the *approval* of the *Supreme Pontiff of the Order*[5] in Egypt and through the Supreme Grand Council in France. It is the *only mystical* or *occult* organization in this country, so far as we know, which has so direct and complete authenticity[6] and power from recognized sources." *(American Rosae Crucis,* December, 1916, p. 2. The italics are ours.)

Let it be carefully noted and remembered that—in quotation (42)—he claimed that the certification of the proceedings of the

[4] He moves the "establishment" of his fabrication back to February, 1915. Compare this with his statement in quotation (30), where he states that it was established on April 1, 1915, and quotation (33) where he states that all the Officers and Councilors were initiated on May 13, 1915.

[5] Let it be particularly noted that here he makes the claim that there is *one* Supreme Head who approved the transmittal of rituals, teachings and wonderful laws to his fabrication through the Order in Europe.

[6] Here he declares his fabrication to be *more* authentic and superior to all mystical and occult organizations in this country. A rather broad and careless assertion, don't you think? Perhaps it is another *Badge of Fraud.*

said Lateran Council through France (*i.e.,* said Pronunciamento) is the *Charter* or *Patent*[7] for the existence of his spurious R. C. Order in America. This claim entirely repudiates his self-made illuminated "charter" under which he organized on April 1, 1915, thereby abandoning the "charter," which was "destined to become a famous document in American history," under which he organized and worked for about eighteen months.

Myths and Devices of Fraud

As to whether there is *one* supreme head of his world-wide myth and fabrication, in his official organ in January, 1917, he declared:

> (44) "El Moria Ra is a living human being who holds by election the position of *Supreme Executive* of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis. He was *elected* to this position because of ability, knowledge and wonderful love. Nothing supernatural is claimed for him, of him, or by him, and his headquarters are in Memphis, Egypt." *(American Rosae Crucis,* January, 1917, p. 29. The italics are ours.)

Even though he made the foregoing positive statement in 1917, asserting that his fabrication had an international and supreme head, yet, nevertheless, in 1928 we find him repudiating the same by asserting:

> (45) "We find nowhere, in not a single book of the hundreds available, nor in a single one of the hundreds of authentic Rosicrucian manuscripts in all the foreign libraries, nor in one of the half dozen authentic histories of the Rosicrucian Order, nor in a single one of the Freemasonic Encyclopaedias or Histories (all of which deal with the various phases of the Rosicrucian fraternity), any reference to any person at any time ever holding the position of Grand Master, Imperator, Supreme Master, ruler, chief or head of the Rosicrucian Order or fraternity or brotherhood *throughout the world.* On the other hand, we see immediately that each country had its own chief, its own high officer, and there could not have been

[7] The abandonment of the French sponsorship and this claim of necessary *Charter* or *Patent* for the official establishment of his racket is entirely repugnant to and inconsistent with his claim of "Authority by Sponsorship" asserted in December, 1926—quotation (8)—by which he also repudiated and abandoned this Egyptian "charter or patent."

any Grand Master of the *entire world.*" *(White Book C,* p. 10.)

And in the last edition of his history book, entitled *"Rosicrucian Questions and Answers With Complete History of the Rosicrucian Order"*, in response to Question 2, he makes the statement which follows said question:

> (46) "No. 2. Q. Do the Rosicrucians in each country have a great leader or founder who is their absolute ruler, and to whom allegiance must be pledged?
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> "A. The organization in every country is physically formed like a society or other organization of men and women, with chief executives equivalent to presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers and recorders. The organization has no national or *international founders, leaders or discoverers,* to whom personal allegiance must be pledged at any time or in any manner. *All officers of the organization are elected* and *do not hold their positions by any super virtue* or *Divine decree*[8] that is unique to each as an individual. The chief executives of each branch in each land are *on an equal* basis, constituting an *international advisory Council* like the Board of Directors of a business concern." *(Rosicrucian Questions and Answers with Complete History,* etc.—1932 edition—pp. 179-180. The italics are ours.)

Thus it is that he repudiates the *one* supreme head, under whose immediate jurisdiction he placed himself and his fabrication in 1916, and abandons his spurious pronunciamento, charter or patent, his "World Council" with its eight jurisdictions and his three Councilors with twenty-one votes. Here he claims that the international organization of his fabrication is composed of the chief executive of each branch in each land *on an equal basis* and that these constitute his *"international advisory council."* And so his original World Council governing his spurious AMORC throughout the world, allotting territory, making his spurious Order a separate jurisdiction with the largest territory in the world, giving him three Councilors and twenty-one votes and a "charter or patent" for the official existence of his fraternal racket in America *did not really exist* at all, but was a mythical creation of his pro-

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[8] This statement is in sharp contrast with his claims of authority by blood transfusion and descent of authority from father to son in the royal line of descent of the Lewis Family, which we discussed in Part Three, Chapter IV, pp. 353 to 359, *supra.* And his statement here that all officers are elected is at complete variance with his present claims, to be discussed in Chapter VI.

lific imagination, and that, after all, despite all of his various contradictory statements and many different claims, the so-called World or International Councils from and through which he has in various ways claimed authority for the operation of his fraternal swindle is nothing more than an INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL *without power to grant authority to anyone.*

Original Scheme Unsuccessful

Modified to Include Mail-Order Business

It will be recalled, as has heretofore been shown, that in the original scheme the fabrication was designed in imitation of Masonry with a lodge system, with degree work, ceremonial and ritualistic initiation and with oral lectures *only obtainable* in the lodge room. The only resemblance it had to the Rose Cross was its plagiarized name.

Notwithstanding the many puffed-up statements and the inflated propaganda for promotional purposes about the rapid, most unusual, phenomenal and unequaled growth of the enterprise, it was *not* a success, and it *did not pay.*

It was accordingly determined to expand the scheme so as to include the selling of lectures by mail. This was to be done by and through the National Lodge[9]—to include membership by mail in the entire country to produce the much-needed revenue—as a subsidiary or auxiliary of the Supreme Grand Lodge, but preserving the lodge system of the original scheme. The National Lodge was to be ushered into existence with all the dramatization of high-powered and mystical promotion.

On April 1, 1917, Thor Kiimalehto, K. R. C., former Secretary-General, in the name of the "Grand Architect of the Universe," wrote the *Very* Venerable and *Very* Exalted H. Spencer Lewis, as the Supreme Grand Master General,[1] etc., etc., telling him of the insistent demands for "Light" and pressing necessity for a National Lodge and prayed that he be commissioned to forthwith organize the same. This fervent plea is published in full in the

[9] This is now the Grand Lodge which produces the Royal Revenues of the Lewis Hierarchy, who are "the Order," and the Supreme Grand Lodge, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

[1] This salutation is fully set forth in quotation (13), *supra.*

second propaganda booklet issued April 30, 1917, entitled *Rosicrucian Initiation,* on page 17, and on the following page it is stated:

NATIONAL LODGE CHARTERED

(47) "In response to the general plea from *thousands* who seek Light, the Imperator granted to Knight Thor Kiimalehto, Grand Master of the New York jurisdiction, the following charter:

"ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER
ROSAE CRUCIS
OF THE UNITED STATES—AMERICA

"Possessing Power and Authority Derived from the Supreme Council of the World through the sponsorship of the Grand Council of the Grand Lodge of France, Pronunziamento R. F. No. 987,432, Sept. 30, 1915, A. D.

SALUTATION ON ALL POINTS OF THE TRIANGLE*

LIGHT *LIFE* *LOVE*

"I, the Imperator and Sovereign Pontiff R. C., hereby grant to THOR KIIMALEHTO

THIS CHARTER

in accordance with the Constitution of the Order in America and with the approval of the

AMERICAN SUPREME GRAND COUNCIL

"whereby he is to establish and maintain a Lodge of this Order in strict conformity of the Constitution of the Order, the Rules of the *American Supreme Council* and the Pronunziamento of the Imperator in America, such lodge to be known as NATIONAL R✠C LODGE and located in *City of New York.*

"This charter is granted for a period of one year, renewable each year thereafter for 3 successive years, and is transferable or revokable on sixty days' notice by the Master who granted this charter.

"Sealed and dated this 25th day of April in the year 1917 A. D., 3270 R. C.

[Masonic] [Seal] H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., R. F. XII
Imperator in U. S. A.
H. Spencer Lewis,
Supreme Grand Master."

* This is a Masonic greeting of the Order of Memphis-Mizraim.

"This charter permits Knight Kiimalehto to establish and maintain a Lodge, National in scope and jurisdiction, for the Initiation, teaching and illuminating of Neophytes who live in cities or towns too remote from any of our present Lodges * * * and—the Charter[2] makes this National Lodge a legally chartered and sponsored Lodge of the Order in America under the patronage and guidance of the *Most Worshipful Grand Master* and *Imperator,* H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C. [with a Masonic Title], whose kind and autocratic powers created and maintain this National Lodge." *(Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, p. 18.)

Much that would be of interest could be said concerning this charter and matters connected with it. However, we must let that pass for the present, only to note that this charter purports to have been issued under "Pronunziamento No. 987,432," the bogus certificate of sponsorship, and not under "Pronunziamento No. 987,601," the spurious certification of the action of the "High Lateran Council" held in Egypt, which indicates that he regarded his chance to get away with his scheme and device was better under his former spurious Pronunciamento than the latter. Both being spurious, he chose the one which to him seemed to be the most plausible.

In this second propaganda booklet (1917) we find him promoting his fabrication with another account of its establishment, as follows:

"The Order in America

(48) "Ever since the obelisk which stood outside the Rosicrucian Temple at Heliopolis, Egypt, was brought to America and erected with 'Rose Croix'[3] ceremonies by the Masonic Order in Central Park, New York, occult students have been patiently awaiting the coming of the Order to America.[4]

"Being established in all other civilized countries, it was only

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[2] Since he claimed that R. C. Lodges were created by sponsorship, we wonder why he went to the trouble to issue this charter.

[3] Again he connects Masonry to and with his promotion.

[4] At the head of this article is a sketch of "Cleopatra's Needle" in Central Park, New York City. There was no connection between this event and the establishment of his spurious Order. However, it was good promotional propaganda for the gullible.

natural to expect the establishment of the Order in America.[5] But from France, *England,*[6] Germany, Russia, Spain, Italy and Egypt came word that 'when the time comes the Order will find its place in the land where the Eagle spreads its wings; but the time is not yet come.'

"Less than fifty years ago Rosicrucians visiting America from other lands brought the glad news that the year 1915 had been officially decreed as the year for the American establishment.[7] There were then prophecies of a world war, of great European struggles and the need in 1915 of a newer center of Rosicrucian strength. The year 1915 became the expected year of Light for America.[8]

"It was not strange, then, that at the close of 1914[9] there appeared in the American occult world a *certain strange mystic* [H. Spencer Lewis, the BARON MUNCHAUSEN OF THE OCCULT], who sought among *advanced* thinkers in New York a few to whom he could confide the message he bore from France. *Many* who knew him *discerned* his *strange actions,* his *deep study* and *mysterious preparations* [!] for nearly *six years,* and his *previous activities* in the world of *occult science, psychic research* and *mystic unfoldment* [!!] led them to expect a *greater* and *more marvelous message* than any that had come to America heretofore.[1]

"It was no surprise, then, to learn in February, 1915,[2] that he—

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[5] The authentic Order was established in America, of which fact he had full knowledge.

[6] According to the statement—quotation (40)—the power of the English Lodge had been suspended. Therefore, it is strange that word should come from England regarding the establishment of his so-called R. C. Order in America.

[7] This is purely promotional propaganda. However, it is well to note that notwithstanding his repeated statements that his fabrication was "decreed" and "authorized" to be established in 1915, yet he has also repeatedly asserted that it was established in 1909. See Volume I, p. 198, and compare with other statements herein quoted.

[8] But the authentic Order was established in America in 1858. See Books One, Two and Four of Volume I.

[9] Here he put his first public efforts to introduce his fabrication at the close of 1914. Compare this with quotation (25).

[1] This strange, fantastical and mysterious description of himself—picturing himself as a most unusual being, of deep study—profound and mysterious—and of mystic unfoldment, with a most extraordinary message for America, while intended as promotional propaganda for his fraternal racket, it was bait for the unwary but mystically inclined. It was, and is, a Badge of Fraud.

[2] This is not consistent with his statement that he began his outward activities in the fall of 1913—quotation (25)—here he implies that it was not until February, 1915, that any one knew of his possession of the seals, jewels and devices.

the present Imperator and *Grand Master General* of the Order in America—was in possession of certain *seals, jewels, papers, documents* and *manuscripts bearing* the *Rosaecrucian symbols,* rituals and teachings and that through *other* messengers from *Egypt, India* and *France* had come powers and instructions to 'establish and maintain' in America the true Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis." *(Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, p. 5. The italics are ours.)

His Often-Told Story

Many are the times he has told this story of the organization of his fabrication and the authority therefor. Each time he retells it the contradictions of its details tell a story within a story of the falsity of his story and reveal more and more the devices of his fraudulent promotion.

The first time he told this changing, contradictory and ridiculous story—quotation (7)—all of the necessary papers, jewels and sponsorship had been secured in France in 1909 for the organization of his fabrication in America in 1915. Here we are told that the powers and instructions to establish and maintain his spurious Order in America came *through messengers* from Egypt, India and France. Here for the first time he began to gather jewels, seals and devices from India for promotional purposes. Compare his statements here made with those in quotations (10), (16), (23), (25) and other and different versions of the same story to follow.

Continuing his promotional propaganda in the same article, he tells us of:

(49) "Calling together *nine* men and women who had *spent their lives in occult research*[3] (one of whom was the official messenger of the Order from India), the present Imperator, *Most Worshipful Grand Master,* H. Spencer Lewis, presented for examination the *seals, jewels and papers* he possessed and formally offered them for acceptation and adoption. After careful scrutiny, investigation and

[3] It is recalled that when he made his great mistake in 1913—quotation (25) he called together "some especially advanced members of the New York Institute of Psychical Research"—these were the ones "who had spent their lives in occult research," but they would have nothing to do with his fabrication. In his statement in quotation (27) the "nine men and women" who became the organization committee were those who had answered his advertisement in the New York *Sunday Herald.* They were just men and women—no mention is made of their being advanced occultists.

thought,[4] these nine men and women constituted themselves a foundation committee with the avowed purpose of assisting Mr. Lewis in carrying out his sworn obligations [!] to his superiors to establish the true [?] Order Rosae Crucis in America *free* from *any commercial features,* high in ideal, altruistic, unselfish and noble.[5]

"The news of this momentous decision spread to certain newspapers. Editors, scientists, *Masonic*[6] officers, physicians and students of American reputation took up the spreading of the Light that had come, with the result that like a blinding flash of lightning in the dark of the night, the glad tidings traveled from coast to coast.

"America with its *hundreds of thousands* of occult students and inquiring minds was ready for the great coming of this *great school*[7] of learning, and the presence in America of the *ancient Rosaecrucian Jewel and Seal*[8] (used by one of the founders in Egypt in 1500 B. C.) was sufficient to set into motion the *mighty forces* which, since 1915, have swept the work onward and onward in America until today the Order is a wonderful reality having the *highest endorsement* of the clergy of all denominations and creeds, educators, scientists and newspapers." *(Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, p. 6. The italics are ours.)

This is a fine sample of the methods and typical of the falsified, inflated and exaggerated promotional propaganda which he used and still uses to promote this fraternal swindle. The magical presence of his brass beetle—alleged to be an "ancient Rosicrucian jewel and seal"—failed to set the right forces in motion, and his fraternal enterprise went on the rocks the following year, as we shall soon see. However, beginning in 1925 and continuing unto this day, with high-pressure salesmanship, false propaganda, such as above quoted, and intensified and persistent national advertising, he has spread his fraudulent enterprise and fraternal swindle from

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[4] Note the stressing of the "examination and approval" of his authority—it is a Badge of Fraud.

[5] As to his non-commercial and unselfish aims, see Chapter VI.

[6] This is further evidence of his use of Masonry to promote his fraternal business. Note that he again uses the Masonic title of Most Worshipful Grand Master.

[7] He affirms and also denies that his spurious Order is a school. We shall give this special consideration later on.

[8] This was an Egyptian Beetle which he purchased in a curio shop in New York or had made. It was another of his contrivances and devices. How this brass beetle became a magic wand and swept into action such "mighty forces" is one of the great secrets of his fabrication. It would be ungracious for us to expose it. He tells how he came into possession of this "Cartouche seal" in quotations (49) and (50) and his fondness for beetles is shown on page 181, *supra.*

coast to coast and all over this fair land; as the result of which several thousands of well-meaning, uninformed, credulous or gullible citizens of this country have been defrauded and swindled.

Business Very Bad

Retiring Into Profound Silence

All the puffed-up and exaggerated promotional propaganda to the contrary notwithstanding, the project had not been a success. At the close of 1917 failure was so apparent that we find Lewis suspending the publication of his official organ, *The American Rosae Crucis,* and making an announcement preparatory to retiring from his ill-conceived and poorly designed Rose Cross Order with a view of redesigning and revamping it so as to be a better imitation of the real Rosicrucian Order. The announcement was as follows:

> (50) "As 1918 enters into our consciousness we find the Order making its *first move toward profound silence.* We are about to *retire to oblivion,* as we predicted we would,[9] and carry on our work in a greater way than has been possible before. Not only will this *magazine,* as a public publication, *cease* with this issue, but other *literature* will be so edited and issued as to be *more conservative, more secret* and *more silent.* Membership into our Order will be far *more difficult* to acquire after January, 1918, than membership into *any other* secret organization,[1] and all Secretaries and Masters in our Order will be notified of the new requirements for membership after that date." *(American Rosae Crucis,* December, 1917, p. 249. The italics are ours.)

Judging from the propaganda literature herein reviewed, the reader no doubt will agree that it should have been more conservative. But never unto this day has that prophecy been fulfilled. The literature of AMORC and its widespread advertising have been everything *except conservative.* See quotations (98) and (101).

However, the anticipated plan to retire into oblivion and profound silence was not put into immediate execution. Instead, there

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[9] At no time prior to 1925 was his project a success. He expected it to collapse long before it did. He had prepared a way out for himself by predicting that it would retire into ultra-silence.

[1] This was an eleventh hour effort to secure a few more victims to help the desperate financial situation which then existed.

was evolved another scheme early in 1918 to float a large issue of 6 per cent gold bonds to purchase a temple[2] and to carry on the work. The bonds were issued, some of them were sold and money was used for various purposes. The temple was not purchased. This, among other things, resulted in his lodge room being raided by the District Attorney and the New York Police on Monday, June 17, 1918, and Mr. Lewis was placed under arrest.

Lewis Arrested in a Raid on the Supreme Headquarters of AMORC

It was rather a spectacular raid and a notorious affair. All of the New York papers carried a full account of it. We shall briefly review the account published in the New York *Sun*, June 18, 1918. When the raid was made Lewis was holding a secret session of his lodge with about sixty or seventy men and women present—most of them were of German, Scandinavian and Russian extraction[3]—on the second floor of what was the Lilly Langtry home, and before that the Josie Mansfield residence, at 361 West Twenty-third Street, New York City. With the outward appearance of distinction, the place was described as being poorly furnished, with no covering upon the floors except a coat of dust. The Grand Imperator was in the midst of an interpretation of some of the occult mysteries of his fabrication when the detectives rudely interrupted. The Imperator attempted to expostulate and asked Detective Russo: "Are you a Mason?" The report stated that "the interest of the Masonic officials was aroused by the representation of Lewis that he was a Mason. Lewis is not a Mason." He quickly divested himself of his robes of office and was taken to headquarters. It was said that the U. S. Government authorities were interested in the claim that Lewis had been soliciting members in his Order on the representation that such members were automatically exempt from the draft and gave them the right to profess conscientious scruples against war.[4] The charge upon which the raid and arrest

[2] The proposed Temple is described and a plan of financing the purchase thereof is discussed in *Cromaat, E.*, pp. 43 to 49—a Picture is shown on page 51.

[3] These were the eminent professional and business people who had examined his "papers, jewels, seals and devices" and had pronounced them genuine.

[4] In his *Cromaat B*, p. 33—a private publication for members, issued in winter

were made was the selling of fraudulent bonds.

On the following day, June 19, 1918, the New York *Sun* published another article in connection with the arrest of Lewis, which we show in reduced fac-simile in our Reproduction No. 65 and which we quote verbatim, except the omission of the second and fourth headlines, as follows:

GRAND IMPERATOR, GRIEVED AT ARREST, SPENT NIGHT IN A CELL

"Half a dozen detectives attached to the District Attorney's office were examining effects, meaning sateen sashes, robes and other regalia—taken in the raid of the headquarters of the *so-called* American Order of the Rosae Crucis.

"While they were still going over the papers, books and other paraphernalia of various kinds collected in the raid that was described exclusively in *The Sun* yesterday, H. Spencer Lewis, who had been variously described as the *main works, the grand imperator,* the *most perfect master profundis* and *illustrious* brother of the *illuminati of the world,* was explaining to *The Sun* that his arrest, detention and examination taken altogether comprised one of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated upon a real and regular Rosae Crucian.

"Grand Imperator Lewis was arrested on Monday night in a *spectacular raid* on the headquarters of his organization in the old Lily Langtry house at 361 West Twenty-third Street. Two or three dozen of his followers tried to get bail, but the Grand Imperator had to spend the night in a cell.

"Gold Bonds Figure in Charge

"Lewis was arraigned yesterday in Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Blau on a short affidavit sworn to by Detective-Lieutenant Joseph Russo, alleging suspicion of larceny of money through the sale of bonds of the so-called American Order of the Rosae Crucis. Lewis was later released under $5,000 for examination tomorrow.

"Lewis gave his name as Harvey S. Lewis, although he is known among the members of his cult as H. Spencer Lewis. The charge

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of 1917 and 1918, he says that the Imperator was assured last summer that conscientious objections would exempt members. but that the local Draft Boards refuse such claim; that it is of no use whatever, and that the Supreme Secretary and many others had been selected to serve in the war. He advised members that he could do nothing to help them avoid serving the country, if selected.

against him is based on statements of Miss Elizabeth Meeker, of 70 Fifth Avenue, who at one time was a member of Lewis' organization, and who, when *the financial affairs of the so-called order were somewhat strained,* declares that she handed over a hundred-dollar bill, subsequently receiving one of the 6 per cent gold bonds of the Ancient and Mystic Order of Rosae Crucis.

"Miss Meeker explained yesterday that her contribution had been given without solicitation in October of 1916, that she received the bond with a receipt for the money paid, and that she had also received $6 interest. She *admitted,* however, that after attending several meetings of the organization *she felt compelled to withdraw as a member.*

"From his home in Flushing last night Lewis told a reporter for *The Sun* that *at no time had his organization*—the ancient and Mystical Order of Rosae Crucis—*ever claimed to be operating as a branch of the Rosae Crucis organization in France. 'We have never claimed to hold any warrant, charter, patent or authority from any foreign country,'* he said over the telephone.

"STUDIES OF THE OCCULT

"The *allegations* against Lewis are that he *has disposed of several thousand dollars' worth of bonds* upon the representation *that his organization was a recognized branch of a world-wide institution* devoted to studies of the occult.

"Among the papers seized in Lewis' desk on Monday night is a piece of parchment headed 'Pronunziamento R. F. R. C. No. 987,601'. The document is adorned with a number of crude seals, dated *Toulouse,* France, September 20, 1916, and *signed* by one *Jean Jordain.* After the signature follow a series of hieroglyphics. In the body of the document addressed to Le Secretaire General, Thos. Kiimalehto, appears the announcement that a separate jurisdiction of the Rosae Crucis has been established in America under the *supreme Pontiff High Ancient Shekah El Moria Ra of Memphis* and that the official seal is being forwarded to the *Most Perfect Master Profundis* H. Spencer Lewis at New York." *(The Sun,* New York, June 19, 1918. The italics are ours.)

Denied Foreign Connections and Authority

When faced with the charge of selling bonds under the false pretense that his spurious R. C. Order was a recognized branch of a world-wide institution, he very promptly and properly DENIED ALL FOREIGN CONNECTIONS. HE DENIED THAT HE HAD EVER CLAIMED

TO HOLD ANY WARRANT, CHARTER, PATENT OR AUTHORITY FROM ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY. That he held no such warrant or authority is true. To that extent his denial was justified. However, in the face of his claims which we have examined and others which we shall presently review, it does seem that he made a bold and dangerous move when he denied that he had ever made such claims. Perhaps after a night's meditation in jail he concluded that the application of a little truth—a partial truth—would be the best way out. Therefore, he denied that he had ever made such claims so as to let the inference carry the truth, namely, that he possessed no authority. The article concludes as follows:

"Honors for American Master

"In the February, 1916, number of the *American Rosae Crucis,* which is described on the first page as a monthly magazine devoted to science, philosophy and religion, a picture of Lewis in his robes of office appears, and in reference to him is this statement.

"But in 1909 our Master journeyed to France and England to complete his preparation for the Rosaecrucian work—which always seemed to be his goal—and he was given several honors and titles by the French R. C. Order. By agreement with the supreme council in France and Egypt the permission, long sought by scientists and earnest philosophical students, was given unto our Master to establish the R. C. Order in America in the year 1915.

"When he was arraigned in court yesterday Mark Ellison, counsel for Lewis, declared that the District Attorney had produced no proof to show that Lewis ever received a dollar in cash for the bonds he is alleged to have sold." *(The Sun,* New York, June 19, 1918.)

On June 23, 1918, the New York *Sun* carried an account of the dismissal of the above-mentioned charges for want of prosecution. The charges may or may not have been true. We do not know. We have NOT quoted the above account of the charges to show that they were true. We will proceed upon the theory that there was not sufficient evidence presented to the court to sustain them. We are directing attention to the arrest of Mr. Lewis and the notorious raid on his headquarters for an altogether DIFFERENT reason and purpose, as will presently appear.

Had Another Court Find That He Had Never Been Arrested

In July, 1933, after he had paid $15,000 to keep the truth from being proven in the case of AMORC *vs.* Smith in the manner as described in Chapter I hereof, he procured from the California court a *judicial finding* that:

> "It is *not true* that H. Spencer Lewis *was arrested in or during a raid of the lodge rooms of plaintiff order* [AMORC] *in New York City,* or that H. Spencer Lewis has been arrested for larceny, or for evading the selective draft in the late war. The Court finds that said H. Spencer Lewis *has not been arrested* at *any time, any place,* and *for any cause* whatsoever." (AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith, *Transcript on Appeal,* page 363. The italics are ours.)

Yes, indeed, he secured that finding of fact, judicially determined by the court, and made it a part of the judicial records of the State of California, notwithstanding that there was not a scintilla of evidence before the court upon which to base the finding and despite the fact that the finding was contrary to the truth and absolutely false. It *is true* beyond all question that *Lewis was arrested in a raid upon the lodge rooms of AMORC in New York City* on June 17, 1918.[5]

It is also true that he secured from the California court said false finding in the manner and under the scheme heretofore described (pp. 47 to 77, *supra*), to be used—as it actually was used for promotional purposes—to promote his family racket and fraternal swindle. This is clearly shown to be the case, inasmuch as a short time after he secured said false finding he published it in his propaganda booklet entitled *Guilty*, hereinbefore described (pp. 71 to 76, *supra*), a statement purporting to give a truthful version of the foregoing false finding, as follows:

> (51) "The Court also *found from the evidence*[6] that neither the

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[5] The police and court records of New York City show it to be true—besides there are many still living who know it to be true, and will so testify.

[6] This refers to the Court in which the Case of AMORC *vs.* SMITH was tried in California. There was no evidence before the Court upon the subjects set forth by Lewis in this quotation. See the *Transcript on Appeal.* It will also be noted that he does not quote the Court's findings correctly, but grossly exaggerates and overstates them.

executive head nor any of the other officers of the plaintiff order, nor the order itself, had ever been involved in any illegal, immoral, or other unethical practices which resulted in court proceedings, *arrests or unfavorable notoriety.*" (*Guilty* pamphlet, p. 9. The italics are ours.)

A Base Scheme and Device

The Court's False Finding Used to Promote a Fraud

There is no disgrace, within the fact itself, in being arrested. It is not a proof of guilt. Many good men and true have been arrested who were innocent of the charge upon which they were arrested. IF MR. LEWIS WERE ENTIRELY INNOCENT OF THE CHARGE AS LAID, HE SHOULD HAVE FELT NO TWINGE OF CONSCIENCE, SINCE THE CHARGE UPON WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED WAS DISMISSED. IT WAS NO DISGRACE FOR HIM TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1918, BUT IT WAS A SHAME AND DISGRACE FOR HIM TO OVERREACH A JUDGE OF A COURT OF JUSTICE AND HAVE, OR EVEN PERMIT, A COURT IN CALIFORNIA TO FIND AND JUDICIALLY RECORD THE FOREGOING FALSE STATEMENT OF FACT. VERILY, IT WAS MORE THAN A SHAME AND DISGRACE FOR HIM TO USE THAT FALSE FINDING OF FACT AS PROPAGANDA TO JUSTIFY THE EXISTENCE OF HIS FAMILY RACKET AND TO PROMOTE A FRATERNAL SWINDLE. WE SAY AGAIN, IT WAS A DISGRACE AND SCANDAL FOR HIM TO OVERREACH THE JUDGE TO SECURE THE FALSE FINDING, BUT IT WAS AND IS UNDESCRIBABLE CHICANERY FOR HIM TO USE THE COURT AS A MEANS OF PERPETUATING A FRAUD UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THESE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Right Perspective

To get the right perspective—the correct picture—and to better understand the claims which he made prior to 1918, the sudden change in his plans and claims made during the latter part of 1917, 1918 and the early part of 1919 and those made subsequent thereto, it is well for us to point out and for the reader to keep in mind that his fabrication began to fail financially and otherwise go to pieces in the winter of 1917. The scheme to finance it and to

purchase a temple resulted in his arrest in June, 1918. He spent the latter part of 1918 in a heroic attempt to hold together his Supreme Lodge in New York, but his leading members doubted and questioned his authority and the authenticity of his teachings. Failing to convince them, he wrote and published his *Cromaat F,* which he says he finished "while journeying to and back from a very pleasant vacation visit to Tampa, Florida, during the holiday season." It was his special and personal message to his members in which he "Explains the Paramount Problems of Our Order." In this publication he issued his challenge concerning the source of his teachings, which we quoted, published in fac-simile and discussed in Volume I, page 280, *et seq.,* and also published his article of "Introspection" about his new plans and "Temple of Alden," which we quoted and discussed in Chapter III hereof (pp. 168 to 172, *supra*), to which the reader may refer in connection herewith.

The chaotic condition of his organization and the travail through which it was passing are clearly told by his statement in the same publication, as follows:

> (52) "The 1918 Convention is passed and my thirty-fifth year has come to a close. Both the Order and myself have safely passed the most trying period of existence fraught with severe tests and experiences, designed to overthrow the one and bring oblivion and *loss of power* to the other. But, with thanks and appreciation for the love and loyalty as well as fairmindedness and discrimination of most of our members, and with honor to the *autocratic power placed in my hands* by my Brothers and Sisters,[7] the Order is stronger in number of members and number of Lodges, and greater in power through the love and sacrifices of all who have suffered with me than it was last year. This is the answer to the machinations, the schemes, the ambitions, the falsehoods and the dishonorable attacks of our enemies.
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> "Several great lessons have been taught to us by the fire in the

[7] In quotation (29) he claimed that he possessed the "autocratic power" vested in him by the Masters, but did not desire to arbitrarily use it. Here he claims that his autocratic power was placed in his hands by his members. It is upon this claim of *autocratic power* that he bases the right of his family to become *"the Order"* and to make a family racket of AMORC, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

crucible as it burned during the past seven months. * * *" *(Cromaat F,* page 5. The italics are ours.)

A Drastic Revision

The Fabrication to Become More Like Rose Cross

Preparatory to revising his fabrication and making it more like a Rose Cross Order, in keeping with his "Introspection" above mentioned[8] and, as usual, in anticipation of his next move and the introduction of another spurious document of his own making, in closing his *Cromaat F*, he advises that:

> (53) "The next issue of the *Cromaat* will contain, in addition to some very valuable instructions and information for our members, a *very important announcement* bearing upon the Order and *its relation to AMORC throughout the world.* This *official* matter which comes to us too late to appear in proper form in this issue is a *fitting* climax to the Imperator's annual message which appears in this issue, and is also a *timely* and *valuable answer* to the *many questions* which some have raised. It sets at rest, *at once and for all time,* the *true status* and relation of our Order in the North American jurisdiction, and places beyond dispute and cavil those mooted points which no investigator—even of the highest Courts of this land—could competently, thoroughly and legally settle. It will bring to our Order that Peace and that Power that could come in no other way, and *reveals* what could not have been *revealed until now,* despite the *demands* and, shall I say, *threats* that have been made." *(Cromaat F,* p. 26. The italics are ours.)

The "demands" referred to were the persistent demands of his members that he show his authority and the authenticity of his Rosicrucian teachings. They had pointed out that his teachings were not the secret teachings of the Rosicrucians, but had been copied from books.[9] The forthcoming document was to be not only an answer to these demands, but it would *"set at rest once and for all time the* TRUE STATUS" *of AMORC,* which could not be settled in any other way and could not be revealed until then. We shall now consider the remarkable document with which he attempted to revise the plan of his fabrication, to prove its genuineness and to

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[8] For a quotation of this statement see pp. 169 to 171, *supra.*

[9] See *Cromaat F,* pp. 11-12, quoted and discussed in Volume I, pp. 169, *et seq.*

fix its STATUS *for all time.*

In "Special Issue," *Cromaat G,* styled *"An Official Communication from the R. C. Authorities to the Order in North America,"* he reveals the following:

"Official Communication to the Order"

(54) "The following communication was officially delivered to the Imperator through the offices of the Hierophant R✠C, and is officially published in this special issue of Cromaat by *direction of the supreme authorities* that all may know its contents and be duly and officially advised.

"On the pages following this communication will be found the Imperator's comments on the matter contained therein. These, too, shall be carefully read and studied.

"The term Pisces, Three Degrees, is the astrological[1] date upon which the decrees contained in the communication were to become effective. It is equivalent to midnight, Saturday, February 22, 1919.

(Dated) *" 'At the Third Vault,*
Near the L. F.,[2]
Pisces, Three Degrees

" 'To H. Spencer Lewis, *as he is* Imperator:—
and the Supreme Council of AMORC.—

" 'Salutations:—

" 'This epistle to you must of necessity be well and faithfully heeded:

" '(1) The duty having devolved upon us carefully inspecting the development of your Order in this country, and of testing by comparison and analogy its fitness to serve as a medium of inculcating a proper knowledge of occult teaching, we have now come to the end of our watching and have taken counsel.

" '(2) Therefore, we have the direction to say these things, that

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[1] Here again he deals with astrology. In the spring of 1918 he issued *Cromaat E,* which purports to give "A Complete System of Cosmic Geomancy," by *Profundis* XII, which purports to answer any question under, what appears to be, a strange mixture of astrology and numerology, and by which his members could read "The Universal Mind." Yet, as we have noted before, he later denied that his fabrication taught Astrology.

[2] An attempt to make the place of origin of this alleged communication very mysterious. The "Third Vault" was Lewis' last attempt to save his fabrication and his Supreme Grand Lodge from disintegration.

certain misapprehensions and misconceptions concerning the Status of your Order, arising undoubtedly from an honest purpose but by *lack of certain indispensable facts,*[3] shall now and forever be caused to disappear and that perfect harmony shall come into being.

"'(3) A. We have seen that there is believed by some that membership in your Order, of itself with nothing more, will render possible admission to and fraternal communication with Lodges of what is commonly called the ORDER R✠C as existent in Europe and other parts of the world.[4] We say to you that while there is an existent ORDER R✠C *it has no lodge system as such a term is commonly used,*[5] and that admission thereto by members of your Order, while possible, is not a matter of right to any, but rather a matter of selection by the ORDER R✠C in individual cases. To this end, therefore, we direct that all use of names, words, phrases or statements calculated to convey to present or future members of your Order ideas at variance with the foregoing shall, upon your receipt of this, be discontinued. This shall not prevent, however, your use of the Order title "ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER

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[3] The "lack of certain indispensable facts" and ignorance of Rosicrucian essentials and fundamentals show his organization to be a pure fabrication from the beginning.

[4] In his first propaganda booklet he announced: "The Order of Rosae Crucis in America extends to its Brothers and Sisters the welcome of all Rosaecrucian Lodges in the world. Its pass-words, grips, signs and symbols are the same; and a Brother or Sister in our Order will have no difficulty of entering the R. C. Lodges *anywhere* in Europe, Japan or Australia, and even the weird R. C. grottos in Egypt, Africa and Asia" (Official Publication Number Two, AMORC, p. 14. Italics are ours). This caused trouble. Some of his members went abroad in search of these lodges, but found them not. This was his way out of his dilemma and his way of side-stepping his false representations. Later, after the reorganization of his enterprise, he made the same false representation that members of AMORC could visit lodges in other parts of the world—but those who attempted to locate the foreign lodges of his alleged world-wide organization failed to find them because they did not exist. Hence, another explanation was in order and in *The Mystic Triangle,* December, 1928, pp 676 to 682, his son, Ralph, then the Supreme Secretary, in a long article, "explained" why no one could find such lodges in Europe. In this article he refused to give members letters to these alleged lodges or to tell them how or where they could be found. Hence, the long explanation.

[5] Having modeled his fabrication after the Masonic lodge system in the United States with subordinate lodges and a Grand Lodge in each State, which system he told us had been approved by Mons. Jerome T. Verdier, Magi of the Supreme Council of France, in Toulouse—quotation (10)—but here we find him repudiating his own system and declaring that which is true, namely, that the Rosicrucians do not have a lodge system as the term is generally understood, and certainly not like the Masonic Lodge system which he used as a model for his spurious R. C. Order.

ROSAE CRUCIS, North American Jurisdiction," nor the use of its abbreviation, "AMORC."[6]

" 'B. We have seen that there is a *present danger* that the *material may overshadow the spiritual* in the development of your Order. We say to you that this is a *peril indeed,* for, aside from the *cramping* of *spiritual growth, it is a direct departure from the traditions of our forbears,* who were commanded to practice the virtue of *humility* and who met and worked and studied in lonely and *unpretentious* chambers. To this end, therefore, we direct that there shall henceforward be no plans formulated in your Order or its Lodges calling for greater expenditures of money for meeting places or equipment beyond that which is modestly necessary[7] for proper ritualistic and experimental work and the comfort of your members.

" 'C. We have seen that *secrecy in its true sense*[8] is not used sufficiently with regard to the operations of the Order and the personnel of its members. We say to you that this is a *departure* from *established customs* and *traditions,* for did not the Brother C. R. C. say: "Let there always be a veil between you and the world"? To this end, therefore, we direct that henceforward there shall be no public meetings held under the auspices of your Order; that outward signs and distinguishing marks upon your meeting places be abolished; that public mention of your Order shall no longer be procured or countenanced[9]; and that, while a member may, IF NECESSARY, state or acknowledge his own affiliation with the Order, he shall not disclose to the outside world the identity of any other member. This shall not prevent the dissemination of the "Brown Casket" nor the publication of books, pamphlets or magazines for circulation among your members only.

" 'D. We have seen that there are certain things missing in the ceremonial observances and lectures of your grades.[1] We say to you

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[6] He reserved the name which he made for his fabrication for future use.

[7] Here the real truth concerning the authentic Rose Cross is hinted. It is a spiritual entity and is not greatly concerned about imposing temples of "Gold and Stone." See pp. 165 to 172 *supra.* However, Lewis has paid no attention to this advice which he gave himself. Since the reorganization of his fabrication, he has erected a mass of showy buildings in San Jose, which he "points to with pride" as the institution behind his advertisements—an institution which his former Grand Treasurer said in 1934 was dying for want of *spiritual nourishment.* See Volume I, p. 404. However, spirituality has never been the prime purpose and fundamental idea of his fabrication, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

[8] Compare this with his statement in 1915, quotation (2).

[9] Here Lewis set for himself an impossible task. His chief assets are his high-powered salesmanship, ostentatious show and advertising.

[1] This is an admission that he did not possess the true teachings of the Rose Cross.

that, while all that you use is substantially in consonance with traditional ceremony and teaching, yet completeness is essential. To this end, therefore, we direct you to receive and adopt such rituals or teachings as shall be from time to time transmitted to you through us.

" 'E. We have seen that your Imperator is unwisely attempting to carry on the double task of executive administrator and esoteric supervision.[2] We say to you that such a double responsibility jeopardizes the efficacy of his labors and, through that, the normal and healthful progress of your Order. To this end, therefore, we direct that the esoteric side of his functions, as modified only by paragraph D herein, shall alone remain to him, and that all matters of executive detail, policy and administration hitherto in his control shall be alone in our control and under our supervision. Reference to these matters shall be made by him, or his Supreme Council through him, to us. *We will disclose to him how we may be approached.*

" 'We have given these things forth that harmony and growth may come to you, in all wise, *consistent with and not departing from the traditions* we are bound to maintain and whose violations we may not countenance.

" 'Praying that V. of O. may be lifted for you, we give this under the hand and seal of one for all.

" 'In C. . . . G. . . . P. . . .

" '(Signed) FACTOR LUMINIS.'

"(Sealed with the official cords of Gold and Purple and with the *ancient seal*[3] of C. . . . G. . . . P. . . .)" (*Cromaat, Special Issue G,* pp. 3, 4 and 5. The italics are ours.)

Profundis Writes the Above Epistle to Himself And Mysteriously Delivers It to Himself in Person

With his organization rapidly disintegrating; with suspicion and dissension in the ranks; with his authority questioned and denied; confronted with the charge that his fabrication was wholly unlike a Rosicrucian Order and that it was not a part of a worldwide brotherhood; with the truth of these charges flashing full force

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From the beginning to this day he has been adding new teachings and series of new lessons, none of which are Rosicrucian teachings.

[2] This grave error has been corrected. He is now the esoteric supervisor and the executive administration is in the hands of his family. See Chapter VI.

[3] Note the sealing with the official cords and the ancient seal. These are modern devices used in the promotion of his fraternal racket. The importance which he attributed to them makes them *Badges of Fraud.*

upon his consciousness in this dilemma, he determined to show the unfaithful and the doubting Thomases that he was in close touch with ultra-secret and superior authority of the hidden brotherhood, and through special instructions therefrom he would reform and remake his spurious R. C. Order so that it would be a better imitation of the real Order.

To accomplish this he wrote the foregoing letter to himself, "as he is Imperator," and to the Supreme Council of AMORC, purporting to be from the secret vaults of the hidden brotherhood, even from the depths of the "third vault." We shall not attempt to describe the mysterious way in which this unique epistle was delivered to him. We cannot improve on the description in his comments, as follows:

"The Imperator's Comments

(55) "Lest there be any misapprehension of this communication, the Imperator feels that he should explain his understanding and interpretation of it.

"In the first place, the communication itself was delivered to the Supreme Grand Lodge by two messengers deputized to hand it to the Imperator *in person.* The communication was *sealed* with the *seal* which appears on the document itself and was inclosed in a stout manila legal envelope. Where it came from was not indicated, and the messengers refused to give any information, merely indicating that they were the seventh step in the transmission of the communication between the writer of it and the final delivery.[4]

"But *certain signs* and *phrases* in the communication itself *indicate* clearly that it had its *origin* and *inspiration* in that office of the *Rosicrucian Brotherhood*[5] which is *superior in authority* throughout many jurisdictions and which can be *approached only* through certain *secret channels.* Other communications received before and after the receipt of this particular one *indicate* that a *very definite channel* of *communication* between the *Imperator* and the *secret*

[4] Seven steps between Lewis the schemer and Lewis the impostor seems to be a roundabout way for Lewis the charlatan to communicate with himself. In these days of modern rapid transportation and registered mail, the alleged use of such methods are suspicious—such a story is a *Badge of Fraud.*

[5] It is astounding how Lewis mixes, changes and uses Rosicrucian terms in striking contradiction to suit his convenience. The Lewis family is now *"the Order"* with all the power, and his paying members are now *"the Brotherhood"* with no rights or authority. See Chapter VI.

chief of the Rosicrucian Fraternity throughout many lands is open and that further information and instructions will come as the occasion arises.[6]

"The coming of this communication caused no surprise. The Imperator and the few higher officers of our Order had been patiently expecting such a communication[7] and were greatly relieved to have it in their hands at this time." (*Id.*, p. 6. The italics are ours.)

Reveals His Own Scheme

From the above statements it is evident that it was his purpose, so clearly indicated, to use the foregoing fake communication as evidence of his close touch with and guidance by the *Secret Chief* of the Rosicrucian Fraternity to inspire confidence and as a device to promote his fraudulent R. C. Order. That it was a ruse pure and simple and that no "definite channel of communication" had been established between himself and the *Secret Chief* of the Rosicrucian Fraternity is shown by his repudiation of the idea that there is a secret chief of the Rosicrucians. See quotation (45).

That he intended to revise and revamp his fabrication in accordance with the foregoing fake communication to be more in keeping with the authentic Fraternity of the Rose Cross and to direct it from his Temple of Alden is shown by his further statement, as follows:

(56) "And now comes this communication, the first step toward rewarding the members who have been loyal. What the communication really means is greater power and illumination and co-operation for the members of our Order here and long-desired *peace* and *rest* for *the Imperator. His illumination came with the tests and trials of last May and June;*[8] his knowledge and instruction were

[6] Thus he prepared the way to prepare and deliver to himself other spurious documents—but they were never delivered. The fabrication failed and this scheme was abandoned.

[7] It was no surprise to Lewis. He wrote it and anticipated himself in his statements in *Cromaat F,* which preceded it. Read his previously published plans for his Temple of Alden (pp. 168 to 172, *supra)* and you have the inside story. He told all about it before he made the letter public. It is his typical method.

[8] This is *strange,* VERY STRANGE! He told us in quotation (21) that in 1909 in old Toulouse he crossed the Threshold and was *illuminated.* Here he tells us that he was illuminated in May and June, 1918. The stories of his illumination are as consistent as his various different and irreconcilable claims to Rosicrucian authority and the authenticity of his fraternal racket.

given him before he undertook to organize the Order here;[9] and well might he have been selfish and have held unto himself what he had acquired and have saved himself the persecutions and torment that have been his reward daily, if not hourly, since he began the task for the sake of others. *So, the coming of the change in the Order* now brings to him no great reward as it does to the members in whose behalf he has labored. The rest and peace he will find in some hours of contemplation in the future will be all that may come to him. With his future in the material world sacrificed on the rock of *unselfish* endeavor, with all the prospects of future accomplishments in the business and social world cast down into an abyss that he might fulfill a life-mission for others, he, a young man, must now retire that those for whom he labored may reap and enjoy the ideals he discovered for them.[1]" *(Id.,* p. 7. The italics are ours.)

Accordingly, in preparation for *"the coming of the change in the Order"* and his retirement into silence to reside in his dream temple of Alden, he announced that after April 15, 1918, all mail to him should be addressed to the Secretary of the Imperator, AMORC, 739 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. And so with this swan song he closed shop in New York on this first unsuccessful attempt to organize his fraternal swindle.

We regret that space does not permit us to fully quote and comment upon Lewis' comments on his fake communication, which covers seven closely printed pages in his *Special Cromaat G.* However, we commend it to the careful consideration of the investigator, since it contains much additional evidence of his fraudulent scheme and devices.

A Complete Repudiation of All Prior Claims

Shows All Prior Documents to Be Spurious

The writing and delivery to himself of the aforesaid *faked communication,* signed "FACTOR LUMINIS," and the publication thereof in *Special Cromaat G*, in which he made the startling revelation that his original knowledge, instructions and plans, under

[9] However, this fake communication is not at all consistent with his alleged knowledge and instructions upon which he organized his fabrication. They cannot be reconciled.

[1] The manner in which he sacrificed himself and his worldly career that others should secure the benefits of the ideals which he discovered will be fully demonstrated in Chapter VI.

which he fabricated, organized and operated his spurious R. C. Order for four years, were all wrong and a misconception of the true nature and functions of the real Rosicrucian Fraternity, was a complete repudiation of all his former claims which we have reviewed. It is repugnant to similar claims which he made subsequent thereto and is still making. It shows all such claims to be false. *Moreover,* it shows that his aforesaid original papers, which he said he obtained in Toulouse, France; others that came to him so mysteriously from India and Egypt and the strange, crude Pronunciamento which he claimed and still claims to be the basis of his original Rosicrucian authority are spurious—mere devices for the promotion of his fraudulent R. C. Order and fraternal racket.

The writing of that faked communication is his *written admission that he possessed no Rosicrucian authority for the fabrication and organization of his spurious AMORC,* and the publication of it is *his public confession that it is a swindle.* He fully realizes this to be true, because, when confronted with said faked communication signed by *"Factor Luminis"* in the Federal District Court in San Francisco in February, 1936, he denied that he had issued *Special Cromaat G* containing such communication. However, another witness testified that Lewis or his organization had sent it to him as an AMORC publication, and *Special Cromaat G* was admitted in evidence.[2] AND SO HIS FAKED COMMUNICATION STANDS TODAY A WRITTEN ADMISSION AND A PUBLIC CONFESSION OF THE FRAUDULENT NATURE OF HIS FAMILY RACKET.

Did Not Intend to Retire or to Be Silent

The faked communication from "Factor Luminis" and the issuance of *Special Cromaat G* were only a ruse to permit him to "save his face" and to retire gracefully and with his own idea of vindication from his failure in New York and at the same time permit him to reorganize his fraternal swindle in some form or other and to carry it on from headquarters to be established in another American city.

That such was the case, that he intended to continue his fraternal fraud in one form or another, is shown by the fact and circum-

[2] See *Reporter's Transcript of Evidence* in case of *Roy W. and A. E. Smith vs. AMORC, Lewis, et al.,* pp. 181 and 362.

stance that, at the same time he was preparing to leave his failure in New York, he prepared and on March 10, 1919, executed a Charter to be filed in California, incorporating the AMORC COLLEGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. This Charter was executed by the following incorporators: Harve S. Lewis, Max Leventhal, Frank B. Schanne, Willard Moore, Conrad H. Lindstedt, all residing in New York City, and Frank T. Collins, D. O.; J. C. Anthony, M. D.; W. W. Fraser, M. D.; Edith W. Edmondson, D. C.; Vincent Jones and George S. Baum, all residing in San Francisco, California. This Charter was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on March 20, 1919, and in the office of the Secretary of the State of California on March 24, 1919.

The objects and purposes of said AMORC COLLEGE as set forth in said Charter are as follows:

> "To create, establish, manage and maintain a college or colleges for the purpose of promoting and cultivating the study and teaching of and instruction in *Practical* Chemistry; *Applied* Psychology and Psycho-Analysis; *Chiropractics,* and the Principles of *Osteopathy;* Hygiene and *Eugenics; Biology* and *Ontology;* Comparative Religions and *Theology;* Harmonics; Special Methods and Principles of Dietetics; Child culture and Training; as well as all or any other sciences or studies usually, or sometimes, prescribed in the curriculum of colleges, universities, *seminaries* or other institutions of learning; such teaching, instruction and study to be imparted and received either orally and in person or by written correspondence transmitted through the mails, or by both methods."[3] (From a Certified Copy of said Charter—which is quoted in full pp. 413-414, *supra.* The italics are ours.)

The Charter also provided for the issuance of diplomas and *honorary titles* and *degrees*—a necessary and essential part of Lewis' scheme. It did not provide, however, for the carrying on of a fraternal organization under a lodge system or otherwise. Per-

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[3] In this connection it is interesting to observe that in a spirit of revenge and in retaliation for our exposure of his fraternal swindle set forth in Volume I in 1935 he circulated a defamatory article published in the *A. M. A. Journal* in 1923, condemning the author for being connected with a medical school teaching by mail in 1900 to 1905, when it was common practice and legal to do so. However, in 1919, fourteen years later, Lewis charters an institution to teach *Osteopathy and Chiropractics* by mail, when it was not being done and illegal to do so. Some racketeers are strangely inconsistent. See our reply to the A. M. A. article and "DR." Lewis, the *Mystic Swindler.*

haps it was his then plan and intention to reorganize his fabricated R. C. Order as a school of "profound wisdom and advanced science."

Although few of the subjects to be taught are Rosicrucian subjects, yet he incorporated it under the abbreviated name of his spurious R. C. Order, and it served as a vehicle and device to carry on and to perpetuate his original scheme.

His First Incorporation

In his first propaganda booklet he stated that there would be "established an American Rosaecrucian College, to be affiliated with the United R. C. Colleges of the World."[4] Hence, the incorporation of the AMORC College in 1919 was a part of his original scheme.

Although he stated that his fabrication would "operate under its Charter, signed by the Council," by his Council shown in quotation (32) and would "exist legally under another Charter from the State of New York,"[5] and even though he often so stated and especially in *Special Cromaat G,* at page 8, that "The incorporation of the Supreme Grand Lodge of our Order under its full name"—implying that it had been incorporated—"gives us all legal rights to the complete name, and AMORC is but the abbreviation of that name," yet the incorporation of the AMORC College in California was the first corporate vehicle for his scheme. The Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC was not incorporated until November 15, 1928, and did not possess the legal right or power to operate a fraternal organization under a lodge system until its charter was amended on September 1, 1930, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

Back in Business with the Same Old Racket but With a Few New Devices

To be silent and not advertise his mystic wares was impossible for Mr. Lewis. He could not follow the prescription—quotation (54)—which he wrote in 1919 to cure the ills of his sick and deformed fabrication. It was contrary to his nature and repugnant

[4] *Official Publication Number Two,* p. 15.

[5] *Official Publication Number Two,* p. 11.

to the nature of his fraternal enterprise and scheme. Bold subterfuges, cunning stratagems, unique camouflages, artful hoaxes, subtle ruses, bewildering abstractions, crafty evasions, suppression of truth, plausible deception, falsification of records, mutilation of documents, unscrupulous designing and multifarious devices of fraud are his stock in trade, while bombastic claims, loud ballyhoo, constant promotional propaganda, ever-flowing publicity, ingenious display advertising and high-pressure salesmanship are his chief assets. Therefore, he could not and did not change his methods nor his racket. He sought someone who would finance a reorganization of his project. He found Mr. William Riesener, who furnished the necessary financial assistance, as we have seen.[6] Hence in 1920 we find that Mr. Lewis had crossed the continent, opened up for business on the western coast, with new headquarters at 1255 Market Street, San Francisco, California, with a flock of new and allied organizations (see our Reproduction No. 66) and a number of new devices to carry on his original scheme.

In addition to the AMORC College which he incorporated before he left New York for the purpose of continuing operation under his original scheme and fabrication, we find him doing business between 1920 and 1925 under the following names, so-called institutions, allied or subsidiary organizations, to wit: AMORC University, Inc., *which did not exist and was never incorporated;* AMORC Movement; National Rosaecrucian Lodge, Inc., *which was not incorporated;* The Rosaecrucian Order of the Great White Brotherhood, Inc., *which did not exist and was not a corporation;*[7] Foreign Legation and Ministrard; AMORC Radio Church of America and The Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, Inc.,[8] which he incorporated on January 17, 1921. The various names of said organizations were shown on his current stationery and set forth in the letterhead which he then used, as shown in our Reproduction No. 66.

The reorganization proceeded slowly and under many difficulties other than financial. However, as has been the case since he first

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[6] Chapter II, p. 96, *supra.*

[7] He began to use this name as a device about the time he received his spurious charter from the mythical Great White Brotherhood Lodge of Tibet, which we have discussed in length in Part Four of Chapter IV, pp. 426 to 434, *supra.*

[8] See Chapter III, p. 146, *supra.*

launched his spurious R. C. Order back in 1915, his greatest difficulty has been and still is to establish his Rosicrucian authority and to secure an undisputed acceptance thereof. In the days of reorganization, as in the earlier days, many there were who questioned his authority and the Rosicrucian authenticity of his fabrication. In an imprudent attempt to overcome this insurmountable difficulty, which he hoped to overcome by *presumptuous and audacious boldness* and *positiveness of statement*—so positive that none would dare to question or deny, in *The Triangle,* his then official organ, being issue No. 5, dated July 19, 1921—he issued an ultimatum and pronouncement as follows:

"Pronunziamento 777

"An Official Statement by the Imperator Regarding the Authority of the Order

"And they said unto Him, by what authority doest thou these things?"—Mark xi:28

(57) "That there may be no further desire on the part of inquirers for definite statements as to the origin and authority of the AMORC in North America, and that the Supreme Officers may be relieved of the unnecessary correspondence incident to setting forth these facts, we are printing here in 'black and white' (as the saying goes—and as some think is quite in order) the following precise, unveiled and signed facts:

"THE NAME 'AMORC'

"This is an abbreviation of the name of the Order in North America and some other lands. Here in the United States the *first Supreme Council of the Order decided* to use the name[9] entirely in the English Language because we were informed that the laws of some states did not permit the incorporation of a body with a foreign name. Hence the first name adopted was Ancient and Mystical Order of the Rose Cross, as appears on the *first Charter issued by this first Council meeting.* [Quotation 32] Later we learned that the Supreme Lodge could be incorporated with a Latin name so the name was partly changed to ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS. The full and complete name of the Order in all Latin countries is ANTIQUAE ARCANAE ORDINIS ROSAE RUBEAE ET AUREAE CRUCIS (abbreviated to A. A. O. R. R. A. C.), which

[9] As to how and why the name was adopted, see Volume I, pp. 207 to 224.

may be liberally translated into 'The Ancient and Arcane (secret or mystical) Order of the Red Rose and Golden Cross.' We find this Latin form of the name is still used in India, Egypt, France, Spain, Japan, China, Russia and some other countries, whereas in England and the North American Continent the shorter English form is used, abbreviated into A. M. O. R. C., and in Denmark and East India and some other places the Latin form is slightly changed to fit the native language. *The name as we use it here in America is the authorized form of the true name of the Order or Brotherhood of the Rosicrucians, which comes to us from antiquity.* (In many foreign countries the Latin name of the Order is hidden under the initials A.A. or A.A., A.A. or sometimes A.A.A., based upon the repetition of the letter A in the Latin name.)" *(The Triangle,* July 19, 1921, p. 1. The italics are ours.)

The name which Lewis fabricated by wrongfully *taking* and using the term Rose Cross or Rosae Crucis and prefixing thereto the words "Ancient and Mystical" is not and never was the true name of the Order, Fraternity or Brotherhood of the Rosicrucians. The name which he "adopted" for his spurious R. C. Order was his own invention, and the existence of a world-wide organization of like or similar name from which he received his alleged Rosicrucian authority and which formed this so-called world or international council was and is a myth of his own creation. Pronunciamento 777 continues as follows:

"The Authority for the Order

(58) "The A. M. O. R. C. in North America was started as a branch sponsored by the Supreme Executives or *Hierophant* of the ANTIQUAE ARCANAE ORDINIS ROSAE RUBEAE ET AUREAE CRUCIS of France. It remained such until after its organization here was completed, when it was made an independent body with a separate jurisdiction, but with full affiliation with all other separate jurisdictions of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. throughout the world.[1] *The Supreme Hierophant* who thus granted the rights and powers for the Order in America was Count Raynaud E. de Bellcastle-Ligne, who was also Imperator[2] of the Jurisdiction of AQUITANIA, with

[1] We have seen how it was made an independent Jurisdiction—by the spurious "Pronunziamento Number 987,601." But see quotation (89).

[2] In quotation (7) he describes Raynaud E. de Bellcastle-Ligne as the "Grand

headquarters in Toulouse, France. This jurisdiction of AQUITANIA, as a jurisdiction of our Order, was created in the time of Charlemagne and the first lodge of our Order, eventually the Grand Lodge, held its opening convocation in the year 804 or 805 A. D. The first Grand Master was Frees and he received his authority through one Arnaud, a philosopher in Charlemagne's School of the Palace, who journeyed to Egypt to secure the authority. The Grand Lodge and its powers continued through many generations and centuries up to and including the well-known Don Martinez de Pasqually de la Tour (the teacher and master of L. C. de Saint-Martin), who in 1754 revised the work of the Order and greatly enlarged the Jurisdiction to include all of France. (For details of the history of the Order in France see pages 21 and 22 of the March, 1916, issue of the American Rosae Crucis,[3] also Arthur E. Waite's 'Life of Louis Claude de Saint-Martin.')

"Count Bellecastle-Ligne and his predecessor as Imperator of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. held documents and warrants bearing continuous authority from the time of Arnaud and Frees, and under these *patents* the present Imperator of the Order in North America was *empowered* and *authorized* to proceed with the organization of the Order here, and was initiated into the Order under the authority of Bellecastle-Ligne and his associates in Toulouse, receiving the name *'Profundis'* as Fratre, and also the Master's jewel (Gold Rosy Cross), manuscripts, symbolical keys, some rare books, a *cartouche-seal* from Egypt, altar lamp, codes and a number of other secret articles.[4]

Master of the R. C. Order in France and its colonies." In his book, Rosicrucian Questions and Answers with Complete History of the Rosicrucian Order (1932 ed), at page 150 he describes him as the "Secretary of the International Council", quotation (82). In quotation (23) he described him as the "Most Worshipful Grand Master of France." Here he is also "Imperator" of the jurisdiction of Aquitania, an entirely new jurisdiction not mentioned by Lewis in his authentic history, 1916 edition, or the aforesaid history book, 1932. It is also noted that here for the first time he became a Count. The many different positions which Lewis makes this mythical personage fill leaves the impression that he is greatly overworking his myth.

[3] We trust the investigator and serious student will carefully read his alleged "authentic" history of the Rosicrucian Order as published in the *American Rosae Crucis* in 1916, compare it with his alleged "complete" history now being sold in book form and carefully check his various statements therewith. We regret that we do not have the space to do so. However, no one should take seriously his so-called writings on the history of the Rose Cross. They are merely fairy tales and farfetched fiction.

[4] Compare this with his statement in quotation (23). "The documents and the few jewels" there are here, "the Master's jewel, manuscripts, symbolical keys, some rare books, a cartouche-seal from Egypt, altar lamp, codes and a number of secret articles."

> "The powers, papers and authority thus conferred upon our present Imperator were the first to have been conferred upon any American citizen by the A. A. O. R. R. A. C., and no similar authority has been conferred upon any one else for America since then, despite the fact that just before, during and after the Imperator's visit to Toulouse, France, six other American citizens, some of them high in official circles of American fraternal movements, were in France and even Toulouse for the same purpose. The failure of the mission, the denial of their requests, is responsible for the organization in this country of a number of Rosicrucian movements, some of which are waiting for the transition of our present Imperator or for the failure of his work so that a possible opportunity to secure leadership and power in the Order may be seized. But the authority of one Imperator is not transmitted to another in this manner and our present Imperator's successor was decreed some time ago." *(Id.,* pp. 1-2. The italics are ours.)

We have seen that "The powers, papers and authority thus conferred upon our present Imperator" were mere delusions. That they were not powers and authority, *only devices* used for the fabrication and promotion of a fraternal racket. Prior to 1921 he had received his "jewels, papers and sponsorship" from the Grand Lodge R. C. of France. In 1921 he had another vision—dreamed another dream—and it became the *"Antiqua Arcanae Ordinis Rosae Rubeae et Aureae Crucis"* of France. We suppose that it is true that "no similar authority [!] has been conferred upon anyone else for America since then" by the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. The story of the extreme competition to which he was subjected in securing his "jewels, powers and authority" from the mythical R. C. Lodge of Toulouse is an after-thought and a pure fiction which he failed to include in his "complete and authentic history" of his fabrication and his mythical world-wide organization. Neither six other Americans nor Lewis himself were in France in 1909 seeking Rosicrucian authority from a Rosicrucian Grand Lodge in Toulouse. No such lodge existed in Toulouse at that time or since.

The failure of the "other six" to secure the "authority" which he secured (!) was not responsible for the organization in this country of a *number* of Rosicrucian movements awaiting the transition or failure of Mr. Lewis so that they or some of them may secure leadership and power, because no organization using a Rosicrucian

appellation has been organized or instituted since he fabricated and launched his spurious R. C. Order.

His statement that his "successor was decreed some time ago" is repugnant to and cannot be reconciled with his 1930 claim of authority by "blood transfusion and family succession," which we discussed in Part Three of Chapter IV (pp. 353 to 358, *supra*). And then he proclaimed the genuineness of his fabrication, as follows:

"'*Genuineness*' *of the Order*

(59) "For the above reasons and for many others it is positively stated that the A. M. O. R. C. in North America, under the direction of H. Spencer Lewis *(Profundis)* as Imperator, is the only Rosicrucian movement, order, fellowship, fraternity, Lodge, Group or *what-not* having the Rosicrucian authority descending from *Egypt* and *India* through the *early founders of the Order* and the *Hierophant* and *Imperators of France,* and retaining the *ancient, absolutely original* and *secret traditions* and *powers of* Amenhotep IV (Akhnaton Pharaoh of Egypt), the traditional founder of the order's mysteries and monotheistic teachings." *(Id.,* p. 2. The italics are ours.)

The reasons above are insufficient. The absence of proof is most conspicuous. Bold and even positive statements cannot take the place of evidence of genuineness. On the contrary, every document to which he has pointed out as evidence of the genuineness of his fabrication has *proven to be spurious.*

Will the reader and official investigator take *particular* notice that here he claims that his fabrication possesses the *only rightful* Rosicrucian authority and the *only genuine* and *original* traditions and teachings of the authentic Rosicrucian Order in this country. Such is the false representation which he has continued to make and is making today. It is the *essence* and *gravamen* of his fraud and fraternal swindle.

Of his affiliations he said:

"*Affiliations*

(60) "The A. M. O. R. C. is affiliated—and connected with, in fraternal relations with, acknowledged by, and in exchange with—

all other foreign Lodges or Jurisdictions of the Rosicrucians who *hold and operate under the same powers, papers of authorities and patents as does the Order here in America.* These foreign branches of the Ancient Order include the *Supreme Shrine*[5] of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. in Cairo, Egypt; the *Illuminati*[6] of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. in Calcutta, India, and *La Loge Supreme Rose Croix* of *France*[7] of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. and others, from the Grand Masters and Supreme Officers of which our Imperator holds letters and papers of fraternal relationship. We are NOT affiliated with any other Rosicrucian society in this country or any other, nor with *any fraternity,* fellowship or *movement using the word Rosicrucian.*[8]

The Rosenkreutz Order in Germany was (and is) a branch of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C." (*Id.,* p. 2. The italics are ours.)

Let us examine this involved statement with particular care. If his organization is affiliated *only* with those so-called Rosicrucians and lodges holding and operating under the *same* authority, papers, powers and patents as his organization, then the logical consequence is that those organizations with which he alleges affiliation are only fabrications and spurious like his own, inasmuch as it appears conclusively that his authority, papers, powers and patents are spurious and are without force or effect—except as *devices of fraud.*

Spurious organizations cannot prove their own genuineness or authenticity by correspondence with each other or by mutual recognition of one another. We have examined one of his letters of "recognition" (pp. 343 to 348, *supra*) from a member of his alleged International Council and found it to be a delusion and a snare.

Here he expands his claims so as to include the genuine Rosicrucian Fraternity, which had its origin in Germany about the year 1614, by making it a branch of his fantastical and mythical all-inclusive world-wide A. A. O. R. R. A. C. However, in 1933, when

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[5] The headquarters of "El Moria Ra," the *Pontiff Supreme Perfect High Ancient Shekah,* here becomes the "Supreme Shrine" of the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. in *Cairo,* Egypt—it has moved from Memphis.

[6] Here he again acknowledges his affiliation with the *Illuminati.*

[7] Here he gives us still another designation for the R. C. Lodge in France, where he was "initiated" and from whence came his "sponsorship"—here it is "La Loge Supreme Rose Croix." Is it his French way of describing it, or is it still another lodge with which he is affiliated"—who knows?

[8] His reasons for this are quoted and discussed in Volume I, pp. 207 to 224.

he was making an attempt to connect his spurious organization with the *original* German jurisdiction, as we have seen (pp. 339 to 341, *supra*), he recognized the *German Foundation* as the ORIGINAL SOURCE of Rosicrucian authority and repudiated the foregoing statement.

Although here in 1921 he claimed the closest affiliation with and implied recognition by foreign lodges of an enormous worldwide and far-flung organization and had in 1915 represented to his members that they might visit and be received in Rosicrucian lodges all over the world. However, in 1917 he said:

> (61) "Our Lodges throughout America are NOT *branch lodges of any European society, order, organization or secret movement.* Our Order here in North America is operating in an independent jurisdiction, with its own government, its own Supreme Council, its own ratified Constitution and with no allegiance to any individual or group *except the Supreme Masters,* whose laws are the traditional principles and ideals of this Order." *(American Rosae Crucis,* October, 1917, p. 198. The italics are ours.)

Returning to his *"Pronunziamento 777,"* we find him declaring in 1921 that:

"Membership

> (62) "Membership in the AMORC of North America does NOT include membership in any FOREIGN lodge or branch of this Order any more than would membership in the French or Spanish Lodge of the Order include membership in the Indian or Egyptian Lodges. But *membership in the A. M. O. R. C. of North America does include membership in the general Order of A. M. O. R. C. in all lands where it is established* with the *privilege* of *visiting* and *attending sessions* after members here have reached a *certain status,* as has always been the custom.[9] Membership fees and dues paid to the A. M. O. R. C. of North America by any member are contributions solely to the support of the work in this country and not for *any rights* or *privileges in any international or foreign body.* (The same principle holds in other secret and fraternal movements in the U. S. A.)" *(Id.,* p. 2. The italics are ours.)

This statement is a trifle contradictory, if not confusing, yet

[9] Compare this with quotation (54), where it is declared that the general "Order" has no lodge system and that admission thereto is not a matter of right, etc.

typical of all of Lewis' claims regarding his fabrication. Now *"membership in AMORC of North America does* NOT *include membership in any* FOREIGN *Lodge or branch of this Order."* BUT MEMBERSHIP IN AMORC OF NORTH AMERICA DOES INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN THE GENERAL ORDER[1] OF AMORC IN ALL LANDS WHERE IT IS ESTABLISHED WITH THE PRIVILEGE OF VISITING AND ATTENDING SESSIONS."

Now, if there is a "General Order," it must be composed of all the so-called lodges or branches of "the Order," and the general must contain the particular. But inasmuch as his fabrication *only* owes allegiance to the *"Supreme Masters"* and is "NOT a branch lodge of *any European organization or secret movement,"* the wonder grows how membership in AMORC of North America could include membership in the "General Order of AMORC," *if such an Order should exist.*

Continuing his *"Pronunziamento 777,"* again he tells the story of the establishment of his spurious R. C. Order, with a few changes in details, as follows:

"Establishment

(63) "On February 8, 1915, the present Imperator of the Order in North America called together nine men and women who were *representatives of various schools of advanced thought* in New York and with the Moon in Sagittarius and other signs indicating the nature of the meeting [yet he does not deal with astrology?] he presented to them his *papers, powers, rights and authority,* and solicited their assistance in carrying out the decrees of the Masters. Committees were appointed to investigate all the claims, powers and authority the Imperator (then *merely* the official *Legate* of the Order) possessed and instructed to add to their committees other men and women in the city who were prepared to assist in the great work.

"The result of this meeting was that on the first day of April, 1915, a meeting of thirty men and women *selected from over 100* who volunteered their assistance and moral support met and elected a temporary chairman and finally *organized themselves* into the First Supreme Council of the Order in America. This council,

[1] Now he claims that membership in AMORC of North America does not include membership in the "Order"—and that the Lewis Hierarchy, himself and family *only* are members of *"the Order."* See Chapter VI.

acting under *a pronunziamento issued by the Legate* of the Order, *issued the First American Charter, elected the Supreme Officers* and *created the first laws*[2] and steps of procedure for the establishment of the Order in all States. *This charter,* signed and sealed, *is one of our precious American documents.*[3] Thereafter branch Lodges were established and in the summer of 1917 a convention was called of all the Masters, officers and delegates of all Lodges of the Order in America, and at this first National Convention the proposed Constitution of the Order in North America was voted upon, section by section, and finally adopted in its present form, and *the Imperator was officially declared the acknowledged Imperator* in accordance with the Constitution.[4] All Lodges of our Order today operate under this Constitution." *(Id.,* p. 2. The italics are ours.)

Referring back to his first statement shown in quotation (27), it will be observed that the nine ordinary men and women who came together as the result of a newspaper advertisement, who were transformed by him into *advanced occult researchers* in quotation (49) in his 1921 pronunciamento, became *"representatives of the various schools of advanced thought in New York";* that in 1921 he was carrying out the *"decrees of the Masters,"* whereas in 1915—quotation (7)—he was acting under the sponsorship of Raynaud Emil de Bellecastle-Ligne, Grand Master of the R. C. Order in France; and that the "about thirty most active workers" who in his first statement—quotation (30)—met and constituted themselves the Supreme Council in the foregoing statement became "thirty men and women[5] selected *from over one hundred* who *volunteered* their assistance and moral support." It is interesting to observe how the story of the establishment of this fabrication varies as to its details and how it grows as it is told and retold by the imaginative Mr. Lewis. It is also interesting to note the importance which he attached to the examination of his papers, pow-

[2] Here it is shown that the *self-created* council created the *first* laws—however, most of the "creating" was done by Lewis.

[3] This alleged charter is shown in quotation (32) by which he "chartered" his spurious R. C. Order, has long since ceased to be precious.

[4] He had almost as much difficulty changing his title from the "Most Worshipful Grand Master General" to "Imperator" and having himself officially declared and acknowledged Imperator as he did in finally getting established.

[5] However, in the *American Rosae Crucis,* October, 1917, p. 195, he stated that: "Our Order was founded here in America by twenty-two men and women of New York, assembled on April 1, 1915." See Volume I, p. 212, where this statement is quoted in full.

ers, rights and authority—not to mention "jewels and seals"—by committees appointed to "investigate *all* the claims, powers and authority" of the Imperator. Such emphasis is, as before stated, a *Badge of Fraud.*

In the same pronunciamento he asserts his right to a Rosicrucian name and symbols in this wise:

"Our Right to the Name and Symbols

> (64) "After a complete search and official publication of the Intention, the United States Government has granted to our Imperator through the Patent Office *letters patent* giving to *him personally* the sole right to use the name and term ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS, the several triangle symbols as used to designate the Order, the symbol of the Rose Cross, the Cartouche symbols, and other symbols united to designate the official name or label of our Order's teachings, lectures, diagrams, rituals, magazines, books, photographs, etc., in either printed or typewritten form. This is the *first patent protection* that has been *given by our Government on such symbols or this name,* and it will prevent the use of these symbols or names or even a simulation of them by any other person or movement other than our Imperator of our Order." (*Id.,* p. 3. The italics are ours.)

By, through and with this statement, the attempt is made to leave the false impression that the Government of the United States has granted to him and his spurious R. C. Order the exclusive right to use of a name designating his fabrication as a Rosae Crucis or Rose Cross Order and the exclusive use of the *Rose Cross* as a symbol. This statement is well calculated to leave such an impression and to deceive. It was willfully made with that intention. And that, notwithstanding, he had declared in 1917 that:

> (65) "It must be remembered that the words Rosicrucian and Rosae Crucis or *any form* of the term CANNOT BE PATENTED and have *not been patented.* There is no law of the land limiting the use of the term in any way, but *prior use,* if established, may be used as a reason for asking for the exclusive right." *(American Rosae Crucis,* October, 1917, p. 197. The capital emphasis and italics are ours.—See also Volume I, p. 220.)

The "patent" to which he refers is a trademark shown in our Reproduction No. 71, in and by which it is shown that a certain

"design," as illustrated and set forth therein, was registered by the "Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, of San Francisco, California," as a *"trademark* for a monthly magazine and certain named publications." Read the statement and the Declaration made and sworn to by Mr. Lewis, especially the parts thereof marked "b, c, d and e," and it will be seen that his statement—quotation (64)—is well calculated to deceive and was so intended. The United States did NOT grant him *letters patent,* giving to him *personally* the exclusive right to use the name Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, the term *Rosae Crucis* or *Rose Cross* and "the symbols of the *Rose Cross.*" It only granted him the right to use the *"design"* illustrated in the registration thereof in the Patent Office as a *trademark* to be used on CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS described in the part marked "b" in our said Reproduction No. 71.

He concluded the pronunciamento with a statement relating to other Rosicrucian movements then existing in this country, as follows:

"Other Movements

(66) "There are known to be seven different Rosicrucian movements—called societies, fellowships, fraternities and colleges—in the United States today. All are doing good work in the spread of uplift, helpful principles, but not one of them are *patented* or *chartered* by or affiliated with the AMORC or A. A. O. R. R. A. C., nor do they use the name which we use. And nothing said on this page should be taken as discreditable to them. We wish merely to define, clearly and without evasion, our position and our connection in regard to all other movements in this country and elsewhere.

" 'Jesus answered and said unto them: destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up.'—John xi:19.

"Signed and sealed this 17th day of July, 1921, A. D.

HARVEY SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C.,
Imperator, San Francisco, California."

(*Id.,* p. 3. The italics are ours.)

At that time there did exist a Fellowship, known as the Rosicrucian Fellowship, in no sense Rosicrucian except in name, founded in 1909 by Max Heindel, a disciple of Rudolph Steiner, the founder of a school of German mysticism which claimed no Rosicrucian connections or antecedents. Also a Rosicrucian society founded by

Rev. Dr. George W. Plummer, which was originally founded under the authority and with the sanction of the authentic Fraternity with restricted powers to promulgate Rosicrucian teachings within certain limitations. The society of Masonic Rosicrucianism, heretofore discussed (p. 220, *supra*), was in existence. And then there *existed* the *genuine, authentic Rosicrucian Order or Fraternity,* which had continuously existed for more than fifty years, founded in 1858 by Dr. P. B. Randolph, whom Lewis conceded to be "ONE OF THE FOREMOST MEN OF THE ORDER WHO EVER LIVED IN THIS COUNTRY AND WAS AT ONE TIME GRAND MASTER OF THE R. C. LODGE IN FRANCE."[6] All of which Lewis knew—and of which he was fully aware in 1915 at the time he launched his fabricated spurious R. C. Order in this country contrary to and in violation of universally known and accepted fraternal customs, landmarks and laws.

We agree that the Randolph Foundation of the Authentic Rose Cross Order in America was not "patented or chartered" by the AMORC or the A. A. O. R. R. A. C. or in any way affiliated therewith. We cannot refrain from again calling attention to the fact that his fabrication was not even "patented or chartered" by the AMORC or the A. A. O. R. R. A. C., as here intimated or claimed. As we have heretofore ascertained, his so-called *patents* or *charters* have proven to be entirely spurious, and the alleged non-existent A. A. O. R. R. A. C. has turned out to be an allegorical myth.

In the days of 1921, when he was struggling to get his fabrication reorganized, on its feet and on the way, he was careful not to create any unnecessary competition or opposition. Hence he spoke softly and kindly of "other movements." However, since he has succeeded in a material and financial way and by his cunning and plausible, false representations has built his fraternal racket into a Million-Dollar Swindle; he has boldly and arrogantly asserted and falsely represented that his fabrication is the only authentic Rose Cross Order in America perpetuating the original Rosicrucian teachings—*and this is the gravamen of his fraud.*

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[6] See his statement in quotation (9).

A New Type of Propaganda

An Entirely New and Different Story

Following his "Pronunziamento 777" in the same year of 1921, he issued a well-written and cleverly designed pamphlet entitled "777 —MAN TRIUMPHANT *and the Mastery of Fate,"* containing the "Secret Decalogue" by H. Spencer Lewis, Ph.D., author of "A Thousand Years of Yesterdays," *Chancellor of AMORC College.*

This cunningly designed promotional literature contained an entirely different type of false propaganda from that previously employed. With a bewitching touch of mystery, with a bid to the curious and gullible, it made a strong material appeal to those who seek worldly goods and power. Addressed: "TO YOU," it opened with the statement: "This little book, with unpretentious cover and most pretentious title, is a personal message to every man and woman and especially to you—you who seek to know the power that some men have and which seems too subtle to be given a name —you who would have fortune smile and bring its abundant riches to your hand."

This pamphlet, remarkable and unique in many respects, contained a *new and entirely different* account as to the origin of his fabricated and spurious R. C. Order, which became a part of his subsequent promotional propaganda, as we shall later see.

This entirely different story in its new dress is as follows:

"The AMORC Movement in America

(67) "Over two hundred and twenty-five years ago the foundation for the AMORC movement was laid in America. Today it represents the oldest educational movement of a scientific, *religious,* humanitarian nature on the North American continent.

"Leaving the European universities of learning, selected from various centers of the movement in six countries, there gathered together in London between the years 1684 and 1694 those highly specialized masters and adepts in all the arts and sciences. Their purpose was to unite in one great sacrifice of personal interest and

with but one aim, *the bringing of the Light,* to journey to the New World and establish here the foundation of America's first institution of metaphysical learning.

"In 1694 the group of selected masters and teachers, with their wives and children, set sail in their own chartered boat. They had selected as necessary for their new institution men who were the most advanced in such subjects as: astronomy, medicine, physics, chemistry, botany, mathematics, languages, music, art, paper making, printing, bookbinding, architecture, building, engineering, theology, alchemy, metaphysics, hermetic arts, astrology,[7] general manufacture, farming, milling, cloth making, and other trades involved in the founding and building of a community of homes and industry.

"In July of 1694 this group of humanitarians, leaving all that was dear and near and facing all that was new and harassing, settled outside of a district which now forms the city of Philadelphia.[8] The records they kept, the deeds of their holdings, their personal diaries, the books they printed, the records in various archives of our national government—all still extant and many of them in duplicate form or in photographic copy preserved in the archives of the AMORC movement—prove that no more wonderful demonstration of unselfish service to humanity ever came to the shores of this country in its whole history than the coming of these brethren of the Rosy Cross.

"For one hundred and eight years—the period of their cycle of activity in each rebirth of the work, these teachers and workers added to their staff, built academies, schools, factories, mills and scientific laboratories. Their buildings still remain, the monuments in stone and spiritual power have found their way into many states, and although for another period of one hundred and eight years they continued their work in silence and seclusion, they came forth again some years ago with a far greater scope of activity than in the past.

"Today the AMORC movement, the brotherhood of the Rosicrucian teachers, the schools and study groups, the temples and colleges of this enlightened work, are to be found throughout the North American continent from coast to coast and from the colds of Canada to the sunny climes of Mexico." *(Man Triumphant,* pp. 10-11.)

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[7] Here again he would connect his fabrication with a movement which he claims taught *astrology*—yet he denounces astrology as being non-Rosicrucian.

[8] This refers to the migration of the German Pietists and other mystical religious sects who settled in Eastern Pennsylvania about the year 1694, which we discussed in Chapter II, pp. 84 to 87, *supra.*

Intolerably and Willfully False

Plausibly and Cunningly Designed to Deceive

Seizing upon the presence of the German Pietists in Eastern Pennsylvania who had settled in the Valley of the Ephrata near Philadelphia in the year 1694, and basing his presumptuous claims upon the works of Mr. Julius F. Sachse, wherein he affirms, but *fails to establish,* that the secret Rites and Mysteries of the true Rosicrucian Philosophy flourished unmolested for years among said religious sects, and also upon the speculation of Mr. Arthur E. Waite in his historical work of *The Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross,* tending to give some color and support to said controverted and unsubstantial affirmation of Mr. Sachse, Mr. Lewis here attempts, under the catchword title of *"The AMORC Movement in America,"* to give his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal racket an historical origin dating back into the early colonial days, thus claiming for his fabrication an early American origin, whereas, in fact, it does *not antedate* the year 1915.

We discussed this subject at some length in Chapter II (pp. 84 to 87, *supra*), hence it need not be further discussed in this connection other than to note that he has at various times and is *now* using his alleged connection and the falsely asserted connection of his fabrication with an early American Rosicrucian Order, alleged to have been founded by the German Pietists near Philadelphia in 1694, as a fraudulent device for the promotion of his fraternal swindle. He is doing this, *notwithstanding* and in the face of the fact that in 1927 he unequivocally declared:

> (68) "The Community of Rosicrucians to which you refer existed from 1694 to 1801 and THEN DISBANDED. * * * One hundred and eight years after 1801 the Imperator of our Order went to France and received authority to *start again*[9] the Rosicrucian work in America. And the *result of his visit to Europe is the present Rosicrucian Order known as AMORC.* BUT THE AMORC OF TODAY IS NOT A DESCENDANT OF THE GROUP THAT CAME TO AMERICA IN 1694. There is no other organization in this country that is a descendant of that first group in America. *Any such claim is either misleading* or you misunder-

[9] Compare this with quotation (7), wherein he states "for the year 1915 was the one designed centuries before for the Order to be *born* in America."

stood what was said.[1]" *(The Mystic Triangle,* May, 1927, p. 109. The capitals and italics are ours.)

There was little likelihood of anyone misunderstanding what was said. His representation in quotation (66) above was clear and unequivocal. He represented that his spurious R. C. Order—"The AMORC Movement in America"—is a continuation through active and silent periods of "the community of Rosicrucians" that existed in Eastern Pennsylvania from 1694. Of this there is no doubt and it cannot be questioned. Then, running his fabrication in reverse gear and himself in a hole, he denies with unequivocal positiveness that his AMORC movement is *not* a descendant of the community of Rosicrucians who came to America in 1694.

With this type of contradictory propaganda eloquently testifying to its own falseness, he has misled, overreached and swindled thousands of uninformed and credulous people. This type of falsified promotional propaganda is like Uncle Remus' rabbit trap, which was open at both ends, *"it cotches 'em goin' or comin'!"*

AMORC College a Device of Fraud

So Indicated by Numerous Conspicuous Badges of Fraud

His cunningly designed and altogether false propaganda, intended to sell his spurious R. C. Order and to promote his original fraternal swindle, continues and ends as follows:

> (69) *"Thus the AMORC Movement* now *presents itself* to the American people. For a number of years it has worked with *little publicity,* building its foundations in *every* state and in *most* large cities and preparing the way[2] for the close of 1920 and the dawn of 1921, when the AMORC Movement was destined to once again reveal itself as the very soul of American advancement.
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> "As one eminent historian says in his comments regarding the early workers who came here at the very beginning of the building of America: 'The history of these people forms a most romantic episode in the national history, and the influence they exerted in the

[1] This quotation is fully set forth and reproduced in fac-cimile in Chapter II, p. 86, *supra.*

[2] We have seen in this chapter the manner in which it prepared "with little publicity" for a number of years—*from* 1915. And its total collapse in 1918 indicates how well its foundations were laid in every State and most large cities. Such overdrawn statements are *Badges of Fraud.*

early days of our (American) development extends down even to the present day.'[3]

"If you seek the Light of Truth, if you would be *free* from the *material shackles* of fate and become a Master of the powers within you and the forces around you—then learn the laws, study the principles offered in the AMORC studies and unite with this progressive movement for the uplifting of humanity and the freedom of man's soul and mind.[4]

"AMORC COLLEGE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is a *National University* of *advanced learning,* incorporated and chartered by law to provide *complete collegiate* and *academic* courses in those subjects of greatest practical benefit to mankind, and to *confer degrees* and *honors* to those who complete its courses of study. There is no other university or college like it in America. It was created and chartered as a non-profit institution." *(Man Triumphant,* p. 15. The italics are ours.)

The AMORC College of the United States of America never functioned except as a fraudulent device. It was not a National University of advanced learning. Even though it was chartered to provide complete academic courses, it failed to comply with the educational laws of the State of California and did not provide such courses. Nor did it supply the secret lectures to the members of "the Order." These were supplied through local lodges or by mail through the National Lodge. It was later abandoned or merged into his latest, more ambitious and high-sounding device, namely, *The Rose Croix University of North America.*[5]

New Headquarters Established

Moves From Golden California to Sunny Florida

During the time he had his headquarters in San Francisco, from 1920 to 1925, he succeeded in reorganizing his fabricated R. C. Order, although his success in establishing lodges throughout the country and securing members for his fraternal project was by no means a signal success.

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[3] Quoting a statement which in no manner relates to his spurious AMORC movement so as to connect with that which is true and substantial is a *Badge of Fraud.*

[4] The manner in which he developed it into a "progressive movement for the uplifting of humanity" will appear in Chapter VI.

[5] This was referred to and discussed in Part One of Chapter IV, pp. 262 to 263, *supra.*

In 1925 he made a deal with Mr. Ralph A. Wackerman, of Tampa, Florida, now deceased, who furnished the land and funds for the erection of a supreme Temple on Rosicrucian Square in Tampa. Mr. Wackerman was appointed Supreme Grand Master of the Order in America and supplied additional funds for propaganda purposes.[6] Leaving the Grand Lodge of California in charge of Mr. William Reisener, in 1925 he moved his national headquarters to Florida.

With himself as *Dean of the University* and *Imperator-Rex of the Order;* with his son, Ralph M. Lewis, as Supreme Grand Secretary and with a new sponsor and funds, he launched a high-pressure campaign for membership with the cunningly designed promotional propaganda and booklets based upon a sudden expansion and enlargement of his false claims set forth in the most unique manner. With this new, expansive and cunningly designed false propaganda, parts of which we shall presently review, he achieved considerable success and began in 1926 to build his present million-dollar fraternal swindle.

The invigorating and balmy climate of Florida seems to have had a strange effect upon the docile Imperator, who in 1918 retired to his Temple of Alden. It made him most unusually bold and expanded his imagination beyond all proportion. Accordingly in 1926 he issued a widely circulated propaganda booklet, with his picture therein and many of his assumed and spurious, high-sounding titles, wherein he claimed to be "the *present Imperator-Rex of the AMORC throughout the world.*" The booklet bore the fascinating title of *"Rosicrucian Illumination."* This booklet was signed by another of his nom-de-plumes, to wit, PROFUNDIS XIII.

Imperator-Rex Harve Spencer Lewis, F.R.C., Ph.D.

In his aforesaid book of "Illumination" he became, according to his own account, the head of the Rosicrucian Fraternity, although he had previously claimed and later declared that his fabrication was known ONLY as an *Order*—that was the one thing which distinguished it from all other Rosicrucian movements. That his so-

[6] A brief sketch of Mr. Lewis' activities from 1915 to 1935, showing the moving of his headquarters from place to place, is given in Book Three of Volume I, pp. 134 to 137, which may supply some details and connections which may not appear in this Chapter.

called R. C. Order was NOT affiliated with any FRATERNITY calling itself Rosicrucian or a BROTHERHOOD.[7]

After telling of how his fabrication had preserved and presented the laws, principles and teachings of the original—or, as he says, "ancient"—Rosicrucians, he makes the claim of his own "Glorious Achievement," as follows:

"A Glorious Achievement

(70) "In other words, AMORC, typifying the Rosicrucian spirit, represents today the very soul of the Rosicrucian fraternity of all ages—the most advanced and practical guide or movement in existence in man's behalf. This has been *no simple achievement.* No organization but that which lives with the spirit of true Rosicrucianism—fearless, dauntless and mighty in its own powers—could have survived in the past decades the many obstacles to growth and the insistent attacks[8] of its natural enemies, the enemies of all progress. *None but the present Imperator-Rex* [KING] OF THE AMORC THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, *Harve Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., Ph.D., could have accomplished* the tremendous task set for him when he accepted the obligation and the duties of his office for the purpose of *re-establishing* the fraternity along the *most modern lines.* * * *

"Continued Growth

"In 1918 another Convention with hundreds [?] of delegates and officers was held in New York City, and the Constitution was again examined and two unimportant amendments made to it. Since then AMORC has grown to unexpected power and membership, and the *Supreme Council* has become so *large* and of *such* an *international nature* that it is *now* known as the SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE WORLD with active members and Councilors in sixteen countries and representing the *largest Rosicrucian membership the world has ever known.*[9] In this way has the ancient spirit of the Fraternity reincarnated in a large body.[1]

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[7] See his statements quoted in Volume I, pp. 210, 211, 217 and 220. Also in quotations (55), (57), (60), (66), (88) and (89).

[8] We presume that he is referring to the trouble which AMORC experienced in New York City during the years from 1917 to 1919, hereinbefore reviewed.

[9] These are Mr. Lewis' italics.

[1] In his first claims, his fabrication was the oldest, most powerful Order in the

"The Lodges of the Order

"Under the capable direction of the *Imperator-Rex* [*King*] *Harve Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., Ph.D.,* AMORC has ESTABLISHED or affiliated with Grand Lodges and Regular Lodges in all principal cities of the United States, Canada, Mexico, England, Australia, Europe, Africa, India and many Oriental countries and the West and East Indies. From northern points of Alaska and Siberia to Johannesburg in South Africa, the work of the Fraternity operating under its AMORC Charter or Charters from its *Supreme Council of the World*[2] continues to grow." (*Rosicrucian Illumination,* pp. 6, 7 and 10. Except where noted, the italics are ours.)

The Truth Comes Out Serenely

His World Councils of His Own Creation

Along with others, we have charged for some time that *there have been* and *are no international, world or universal councils* of which Lewis was or is a member or which conferred Rosicrucian authority upon him or capable of giving Rosicrucian recognition and authenticity to his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal swindle.

We have said that the only semblance of an international organization of which AMORC is a part and which constitutes his so-called international or world Councils consists *solely* and *only* of so-called R. C. Orders which he has inspired or organized in other countries, working under his own spurious authority, some of which are mere paper organizations consisting of confederates, one or two persons, to give an appearance of many associated organizations forming the "Supreme International Council," and to write letters to Lewis—to make and supply the "proof" of its existence.[3] In short, that he has created and fabricated his own world-wide organization and international council as he did his own

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world with its millions of members. See quotations (17) and (6). Here by reason of his genius, since 1918 it has *reincarnated* in a large body.

[2] The emphasis was placed on the "Supreme Council of the World" by his own italics.

[3] Lewis introduced a dozen or more of such letters in evidence in the trial of the case of AMORC vs. GEORGE L. SMITH in 1933, contending that such letters or correspondence were from members of his International Council and that such letters proved the existence of such council. We examined one of these letters at pages 334 to 339, *supra.*

AMORC in North America. Here we have the proof of our charge supplied by Mr. Lewis.

In 1926, after he had succeeded in getting a few of his spurious organizations started in different countries, he became amazed at his own genius and exalted with his own achievement, which none save himself could have accomplished. Therefore, fearless, dauntless and mighty in his own power, he declared himself the King of his own dominions—of his fabricated international R. C. Order; that is, *Imperator-Rex* of the *AMORC throughout the World.*

He tells us, since the convention held in New York City in 1918, when his organization broke to pieces, that his fabrication has had such an *unexpected growth* and his Supreme Council had become *so large* and of such an *"international nature"* that it has become known as "The Supreme Council of the World."[4] That he has set up fabrications in sixteen countries, with active members or councilors in each representing the *largest membership* the world has *ever known,* and that in *this way* the "ancient spirit" of the Fraternity "reincarnated" in his fabrication.

In 1926 he had apparently abandoned his former claims and asserted his *Rosicrucian authority* by REINCARNATION OF THE ANCIENT SPIRIT OF THE FRATERNITY. Later, as we have seen,[5] in 1930, he received his *ancient authority* by INOCULATION THROUGH BLOOD TRANSFUSION. The strange, unique, ingenious and resourceful means and methods of this fraternal racketeer are beyond understanding. However, one thing seems to be certain, which is that his *claims* are *false* and methods *fraudulent.*

How the International AMORC Was Created

We said that Mr. Lewis had created and fabricated the international AMORC and that it was as spurious as his American fabrication. Here he *confirms* our charge by telling us that *"under the capable direction of the Imperator-Rex Harve Spencer Lewis,*

[4] This seems strange and contradictory. According to his previous statements in quotations (2), (35), (40) and (42) another non-existent council, which conferred authority upon him, was known as the "Supreme Council of the World." But it is not strange. It simply shows that his claims of authority from such non-existent councils were *false* claims.

[5] Chapter IV, Part Three, pp. 355 to 359.

F. R. C., Ph.D.—AMORC has ESTABLISHED[6] *or affiliated with Grand Lodges or Regular Lodges"* in all the principal cities and countries of the world; that the Fraternity—his international organization—is operating under its AMORC charters or charter from its *Supreme Council of the World,* which was fabricated under his "capable direction."

THUS IN THIS WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED STATEMENT HE ADMITS AND PUBLICLY CONFESSES THAT HE CREATED, FABRICATED AND ESTABLISHED THE SO-CALLED INTERNATIONAL AMORC AND ITS ALLEGED SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE WORLD WITH AND ON NO GREATER OR BETTER AUTHORITY THAN HIS OWN AND THE SPURIOUS R. C. AUTHORITY OF HIS AMERICAN FABRICATION.

As to the American fabrication and his fake international Rosicrucian organization and the spurious Supreme Council of the World, in the same bombastic promotional booklet, *Rosicrucian Illumination,* he tells still another and *quite different* story—but a more accurate story in some particulars of its origin—as follows:

"The Present Head of the AMORC

(71) "The Imperator of the AMORC in America and OTHER JURISDICTIONS, Harve Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., Ph.D., devoted many years to study and research in preparation for his contact with the *highest officers* of the Rosicrucian bodies in Europe, and in the year 1909 he journeyed to France where, in the southern provinces, he found a number of the older officers who *maintained* the *archives and records* of the early Rosicrucian bodies of Europe; and to this day the most important documents and historical papers are preserved in secret places of that country." (*Rosicrucian Illumination,* p. 7. The capitals and italics are ours.)

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[6] In *The Mystic Triangle,* February, 1926, at page 14, he established an AMORC Lodge in China by a member of his Supreme Lodge in California, who went to China for that purpose, as follows: "A recent letter from Harbin, China, which is just outside of the boundary line of Siberia, indicates that there is a very large and enthusiastic Lodge of AMORC in that city. It was originally started by one of the AMORC members of the Supreme Lodge in San Francisco, *who went to Harbin for that purpose.* It numbers among its members many of those who were formerly Officers of the Order in Russia before the war. We understand that they have completely translated all of the English or American AMORC teachings into the Russian and Chinese languages and that the leaders of both countries are very enthusiastic over the very thorough and helpful way in which these mystical teachings are presented in this country."

Apparently, for the time being at least, he had determined to abandon his spurious and doubtful claims of Rosicrucian authority and to boldly strike out as the *reviver* and *re-establisher* of an "ancient" R. C. Order that was sleeping or had ceased to be active in these times. To this end he declares himself to be *not only* the Imperator of AMORC in America, but in *other* jurisdictions as well—perhaps *King-Imperator* of the *rest* of the world, as we have just seen.

He apparently bases his alleged rights to revive and re-establish the Order—his AMORC—*throughout the world* "in its present form," not on any alleged authority or charter from a competent and authentic Rosicrucian body, but upon his years of study and his "research in preparation to contact" the highest officers of sleeping R. C. bodies in Europe and his alleged finding of a "number of the older officers" in the southern provinces of France who, he says, "maintained the archives and records of the early Rosicrucian bodies of Europe." Therefore, having learned about the early Rosicrucian bodies of Europe from the archives and records in France, he set about to revive and re-establish the Fraternity and to fabricate the AMORC *in its present form.*

Although the Rosicrucian Fraternity was active in Europe and especially in this country when Lewis fabricated and "established" or "re-established" his spurious R. C. Order, yet this fabled story and far-fetched theory or basis for his fabrication is far more plausible than his other stories of jewels, seals, papers, sponsorship, insignia, pronunciamentos, devices and authority by reincarnation or by inoculation through blood transfusion. However, *none* of them *is true,* and *all of them* are so many *fraudulent devices* used for the promotion of a fraternal swindle.

A New Story of Organization

Repudiating and Contradicting All Other Versions

In this revised version of the organization of his AMORC he did not call together nine men and women, as in quotation (27), or nine men and women who had spent their lives in occult research, as in quotation (49), or nine men and women *representative of the various schools of advanced thought,* as in quotation (63), but here he called *Rosicrucians* together to revive and re-establish the

DORMANT AND SLEEPING FRATERNITY. His revised and strangely new version of the organization of his fabrication is as follows:

"Rosicrucians Called Together

(72) "After being *duly prepared* and *inducted* into the *principles* and *powers* of *Rosicrucian activities,* this American proceeded to call together other *Rosicrucian students* and *workers* in America, and in the Spring of 1915, after the *customary six years of announcement, investigation and test,*[7] *forty-eight* men and women selected from many branches of activities covered by the AMORC *plan* held a special session for the purpose of arranging a mass meeting.

"Rosicrucian Mass Meeting

"A few weeks later such a meeting was held in New York City, and over *three hundred* well-known *occultists, metaphysicians, scientists* and *students* of *Rosicrucian work*[8] were present. To these *Dr.* Lewis presented his *plans* together with *certain resolutions* drawn up at the previous organization sessions and also *cable messages* and *letters* received by others present, *verifying* the statements[9] made in the *plans for organization.* After three hours of further deliberation a *committee of sixty* men and women was appointed to secure such additional verification of the *plans* as was found desirable and to call another meeting within sixty days." (*Id.,* p. 9. The italics are ours.)

In this revised version the all-important question of *authority*—the *power* and the *right* to establish another so-called Rosicrucian organization in this country was not considered. The fact that the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity was *active* and *functioning* in this country was completely ignored. This, too, despite the *fact* that

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[7] The "investigation and test" here referred to is obscure. Perhaps he refers to his own "investigation" for fabrication purposes and his *list* of victims for his plan as evolved.

[8] As usual with all his claims, stated in confusing generalities, he would leave the impression that students of Rosicrucianism reorganized the dormant or sleeping order—but he fails to indicate how many. As a matter of fact, no Rosicrucians participated.

[9] Here, as usual, he has his statements verified by letters and cable messages from abroad. His voluntary committee, whose report he published in his *White Book D,* also verified everything by cable. As we have said before, such is an outstanding *Badge of Fraud* clearly indicating the fraudulent nature of his scheme.

said authentic Rose Cross Order had been *established* many years prior to 1915 by Dr. P. B. Randolph, whom Lewis reluctantly *admitted*[1] had been a *Grand Master* of the French Order and *"one of the foremost men of the Order* who ever lived in this country." However, since he was organizing a spurious Order, he pursued the only course open to him, namely, to ignore and question the *right and* the *existence of the real Order.*

In this entirely new and different story of the organization of his fabrication it was started by calling together forty-eight other Rosicrucian students and workers selected from many branches of activities covered by the AMORC plan to arrange a mass meeting. This was a unique and most unusual method of organizing a Grand Lodge of a fraternity, if it happened that way. Anyway, so he says, a mass meeting of over three hundred *well-known* scientists, occultists, metaphysicians and *students* of Rosicrucian work—*not Rosicrucians*—was held. After verifying and deliberating, a committee of sixty was appointed to secure further verification of the plans and to call another meeting. This may sound well and seem plausible to the uninformed and no doubt induced many to part with their money and ideals and to join his fraudulent Order, but they were overreached and misled. There is *not* a *trace of truth in the entire statement*—IT IS A FLAGRANT MISREPRESENTATION OF FACTS.

His Fake Supreme Council of the World

Had Its Inception in New York, April 1, 1915

The next alleged meeting is described as follows:

"The High Council Meeting

(73) "On April 1, 1915, such special meeting was called and constituted the first High Council meeting of the AMORC in the new epoch in America. *Fifty-two*[2] of the sixty committee members were present, and those absent sent communications of regret.

[1] See his statement in quotation (9).

[2] The about thirty active workers who constituted themselves the Supreme Council in quotation (30) and the thirty selected from over 100 in quotation (63) here became fifty-two of the committee of sixty. It is difficult to determine how many constituted this spurious Council in the beginning. Moreover, if he called his first meeting in the spring and a mass meeting a few weeks later, and another within

Further telegrams and letters were read by a number of the committee, and there appeared in person a *delegate* of the Fraternity *from India* with certified and sealed documents, 'jewels' and credentials to be delivered to the chief officers[3] to be elected at this momentous occasion.

"Supreme Council Elects Officers

"After preliminary remarks and a voluntary acceptance on the part of those present of the Oath of Allegiance as Officers, the *committee was duly organized* as the *Supreme Council of the AMORC.* Then followed the election of the chief executive officers, and by *unanimous* vote Harve Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., *Ph.D.,* was elected *Grand Master General.* After the election of other officers, a Charter for the organization of AMORC in *its present form* was *drawn up* and signed by the *Committee of Charter Members*[4] present. That document, highly illuminated and bearing the signatures of the Charter Members, is one of the most valuable documents in the possession and history of the AMORC." (*Id.,* p. 9. The italics are ours.)

Aside from the fact that this revised version of the formation of his Supreme Council of the AMORC does not agree with his previous statements of the organization on April 1, 1915, of the Supreme Council of AMORC for America and the execution by it of "the American Charter," which, of course, raises a serious question of veracity that may be passed for the moment, his changing and varying story of the formation of his Council on All Fools' Day, 1915, whether it was the Council for AMORC of America alone or for the AMORC of the World, becomes very interesting.

This new story reveals the expansion of his imagination and his determination to create for himself and his spurious R. C. Order a "Supreme Council of the World." He first conceived of a spurious Order and fabricated it for America only, with its authority com-

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sixty days, it was hardly likely that he organized his Council on April 1, 1915. This is noted to call attention to his careless statements. None are accurate. All are contradictory.

[3] In his previous statement in quotation (26), Mrs. May Banks-Stacey—the grand old lady of royal descent—delivered these papers and trinkets to him in the fall of 1914.

[4] In his previous statement in quotation (25) he prepared the "illuminated Charter" to be signed by the selected councilors. The Charter was *drawn up* and signed by the Committee of Charter Members.

ing from International or World R. C. Councils. Since these did not exist in fact and he had experienced much difficulty in convincing his thoughtful, alert and inquiring members of the existence of such councils, he decided, as aforesaid, to fabricate and create a Supreme Council of the World and an international or world-wide AMORC just as he had fabricated and created his spurious AMORC for North America.

This, then, is the story of his first conception of and attempt to fabricate and create a Supreme Council of the World and to establish his spurious R. C. Order—called AMORC—throughout the world and in all the principal cities and nations thereof. To carry out his fraudulent scheme and design he declared himself *Imperator-Rex* of the AMORC—throughout the world and changed his American Council of about thirty self-constituted Councilors, organized on April 1, 1915, into the Supreme Council of the World. He accomplished this by increasing the number from about thirty to sixty members and then, as we have seen in quotation (70), by having his Supreme Council of America become *"so large and of such an international nature"* that it became known—by the marvelous magic of his imagination—IT BECAME KNOWN AS THE "SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE WORLD."

Therefore, in addition to having another of the many examples of the flagrant, changing and contradictory claims of this fraternal racketeer, we have from his own pen the story of his first unsuccessful attempt to create a World Council for his fabrication. In Chapter IV we reviewed his other and latest unsuccessful attempts to fabricate a world and international council and to hold international congresses as devices for the promotion and perpetuation of his fraternal swindle.

The Tallest Story Ever Told

Told as if True—Yet Has No Equal in Fiction

Doubtless you thought the story of Imperator-Rex's revival of the Rosicrucian Fraternity, its re-establishment throughout the world and his Supreme Council of the World a rather tall story, but that story is a mere infant in fiction as compared to the tallest of tall stories which he relates *as if it were true* and *based upon facts* in his propaganda and promotional booklet entitled: LIGHT

OF EGYPT, issued January, 1927.

After relating his own faulty and misleading conception of "The Strange Story of the Rosicrucians," he tells a stranger story of his own Quixotic travels and marvelous accomplishments, all of which took place and were created within the air castles erected in his own whimsical imagination, as follows:

> (74) "As the significant, symbolical year of 1918 approached, a great convention of *Rosicrucian mystics* was decreed to be held in New York City under the *patronage* of the Supreme Council of the ancient headquarters in Toulouse[5] and with authority from the Fraternity temples in *Egypt and India.*[6] Preliminary to that Convention the foundation for the Great Revelation was laid in every section of the North American Continent. Secret conclaves had been held, delegates appointed and a Supreme Master and Imperator elected.
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> "Then, *early in the year 1918,* the three hundred and fourteenth year since the Revelation in Germany, the *official Legate* of the Fraternity, H. Spencer Lewis, *Fellow* of the Rose Cross in France,[7] *began his journey* to the Vault and Tomb as had his predecessors in 1604 and 1290. *Dr.* Lewis had been initiated into the Fraternity in the Supreme Temple in the old district of Tolosa (Toulouse) in 1909, from which Friar Bacon began his journey to the Vault in Egypt.
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> "Empowered by the highest living authorities of the Fraternity, *Dr.* Lewis was to be the *next potentate* to *unveil the work* to the newer generations and *carry the responsibility* of the periodic *revival* throughout the world.[8] Proceeding from New York with jewels,

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[5] We have seen that the "Supreme Council" of Toulouse is a myth, created by Lewis as a device to promote his fraudulent R. C. Order.

[6] Here again he attempts to associate his fabrication with alleged Rosicrucian Orders in Egypt and India. All of this is the "build-up" for his "strange" story that follows.

[7] It is strange—very strange, indeed—that in 1918 he should merely designate himself as the "official Legate of the Fraternity" and "Fellow of the Rose Cross Order in France"; whereas, in July, 1916, at a "High Lateran Council," the "Supreme Council of the World" had created for him the largest jurisdiction in the world and had made him and his councilors the most important members of the council with the most votes. It would seem under such circumstances, if they had been true, he should have proceeded under his own *power* and not a *mere* Fellow or Legate.

[8] The "highest living authorities" who empowered Dr. Lewis to be the *next potentate* to "unveil the work" and to "carry the responsibility" for the *revival* of the Rosicrucian Fraternity throughout the world was "Dr." Lewis. He appointed himself "Potentate" of his world-wide and international fabrication to reveal the distorted, ridiculous and wholly false story which we are now considering, in the

keys, formulas and a very old map,[9] and with nine years' study of the secret instructions that he had received in Europe, he went to the Pacific Coast, where the Revelation was to be made. His journey was to the West because of the activities of the Fraternity under the direction of *his predecessors*[1] in the seventeenth century, when the last great Revelation had been made." *(Light of Egypt,* 1927, pp. 6, 7 and 8. The italics are ours.)

It Did Not Happen

We have seen that in the latter part of 1917 Mr. Lewis' fabrication was in a strained financial condition, that the early part of 1918 was given over to the strenuous work of relieving those troublesome financial troubles and in the financing of the purchase of a Temple through the sale of a bond issue which resulted in his arrest in June of that year.

In Cromaat F, published in January, 1919, in which his lamentations reveal the serious condition of his organization and the close personal attention he was required to give to it in New York City in the troublesome year of 1918, he says in conclusion that the writing of his personal message in said Cromaat occupied a considerable part of his vacation time in Tampa, Florida.

In *Cromaat G,* published early in 1919, he says:

(75) "During the past twelve months the only recreation time afforded the Imperator has been during his overnight trips to Lodges, a few days during and right after the National Convention[2] and

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same manner and upon the same authority under which he declared himself to be the "Imperator-King of the AMORC throughout the World."

[9] Perhaps he is referring to the map shown in our Reproduction Number 70.

[1] By implication he makes himself the sole successor of the Fathers of the Rosicrucian Fraternity who first revealed its existence in Germany about 1614. This, of course, contradicts other claims which he has made and is still making. But what does that matter? The brazen boldness and unlimited audacity of the racketeering "Imperator-King" of fraternal fraud are astounding!

[2] This refers to a small convention held in New York City in 1918 of a few local members and members from nearby cities. There is no mention here or in his statement in *Cromaat F* set forth in quotation (52) of a great international convention of Rosicrucians or a "Great American Conclave held in New York City" in the summer of 1918. Therefore, it must be concluded that said "Great American Conclave" was an after-thought, devised and invented in Florida years later for the sole purpose of his strange and unique story which we are about to review.

during a *short trip* to Tampa, Florida,[3] just before the holidays on official duties. Time for material pleasures are not desired, but time for relaxation from duties easily assumed and performed by others in his absence is what is absolutely necessary in the future." (*Cromaat G,* p. 11. The italics are ours.)

Although there are several former members of AMORC still residing in New York City who were closely associated with Mr. Lewis in 1918 who know that he was *not* away from New York for any period of time except as stated by himself and that at no time during the year was he absent for a period sufficient to make a trip to the Pacific coast, judging from his own statements and the knowledge and indisputable facts and circumstances of his situation and troubles during said year, it must be concluded that he did not go to California or the Pacific coast in the year 1918 to an old Rosicrucian cave to open a tomb or vault and bring "to light the well-preserved 'body' of C. R. C. again", as he related in 1927 in the *Light of Egypt*, as follows:

"The First Rosicrucians in the Occident

(76) "Toward the close of the seventeenth century a group of Rosicrucian Masters had proceeded to America and laid the foundation of the Fraternity on the eastern shores of the United States,[4] as explained in a later part of this story. But, many years before this, when the earliest European explorers were wending their way to the Pacific Coast, hunting for the 'land of gold' as depicted in ancient manuscripts, the Rosicrucian Fraternity sent seven of its highest initiates to the West on a secret mission. They accompanied one of the early Spanish exploration expeditions and carried with them many caskets of rare *devices,* papers, jewels, and a sealed sarcophagus. These things finally found a resting and hiding place on a small peninsula jutting into the Pacific, which is a mountainous part of the ancient continent of Lemuria, where temples and shrines of a forgotten mystic race have left ineffaceable evidence.

"In this quiet and peaceful place on the Pacific shore a crude

[3] If a short trip to Florida afforded him recreation, a long trip to the Pacific Coast would have been worthy of mention, but he mentions no such trip in his current statements made at that time.

[4] This is a reference to the same movement mentioned by him in his statements in quotations (67), (68) and (69) and our discussion in connection therewith. Here he introduces a new story which contradicts his earlier stories of "the first Rosicrucians in America."

temple[5] was built of adobe, adjoining a cave described on the maps they possessed. In the cave the sarcophagus, *jewels* and documents were placed, and the entrance closed to form a tomb and vault. In the crude temple services were held for many years by the seven mystics who lived there, awaiting the arrival of a boat to take them back to Spain and France.

"It was to this cave and the ruined temple *that Dr. Lewis journeyed in 1918,* performed the rituals and rites, followed the formulas and *brought to light the well-preserved 'body' of C. R. C. again.* Thousands in Europe, hundreds in America, and many in many lands awaited anxiously the announcement that would be made in secret channels when the Great Light was revealed [!] *again* to the world." *(Light of Egypt,* p. 8. The italics are ours.)

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[5]Among his first books was *Lemuria, The Lost Continent of the Pacific,* in which he located this temple on or near Mount Shasta in California. He has been selling this book $2.00 a copy and *commercializing* this myth for a number of years. He has found it necessary to make many explanations concerning the same. In recent years another pretender seizing upon the Lewis myth as set forth in his said book, set up an opposition organization with headquarters on Mount Shasta, and began to draw some of Lewis' victims and prospective victims from AMORC. This was too much for Lewis. It was enough to have opposition in his specialized field of fraternal racketeering, but to have another use his "thunder" and one of his fraudulent devices to oppose him was adding insult to injury. Therefore, to warn his followers and prospects against this other pretender who was using his Mount Shasta hoax, he wrote a long article, entitled *The "Great Master" Hoax,* and published it in *The Rosicrucian Digest,* July, 1936, beginning at page 232. After stating that at least once a year he found it necessary to warn his new members against certain forms of mystical literature, referring to his rival who had set up a highly competitive business on Mount Shasta and who was using Lewis' device as the basis of his claims. Continuing, Mr. Lewis said: "At the risk of once more being accused of intolerance, *fear of rival* claims, and *jealousy of other organizations* that are attempting to establish themselves, I say again that the claims and pretensions of some of the *so-called mythical, spiritual, metaphysical, occult* and 'secret' *societies* of North America particularly are the *most preposterous* and *insane,* as well as the *most fraudulent* and *insidiously destructive,* that have ever been circulated since the *dawn of religious and philosophical racketeering.*" (Our italics.)

Now, bear in mind that he was speaking of his principal pretender-racketeer competitor who was using his own myth or *device* and Mount Shasta as a base of operation. Continuing, he said: "We regret to say that ever since we ventured to reveal some of the facts relating to the antiquity and traditions surrounding the Mount Shasta district in the stories we published about Lemuria, the *'mystical racketeers'* ever seeking *some new angle* and ever anxious to seize upon a *plausible excuse,* have been *commercializing* the Mount Shasta district to a *degree that astonishes* thinking individuals and is *becoming a pitiful situation.*" (Our italics.) This statement of an indignant fraternal racketeer, who revels in his own self-righteousness, to another who is misusing his "thunder" and encroaching upon his racket is very interesting. It is the way racketeers reveal themselves. It takes a racketeer to catch a racketeer. We regret that we do not have the space for the entire article. Investigators should read it carefully.

This fictitious story, used as a fraudulent device, is based upon certain mystical ideas and allegories contained in the original *Fama Fraternitatis*[6] issued by Johann Valentine Andreae about 1614 announcing the existence of the original Rosicrucian Fraternity in Germany and other authentic Rosicrucian publications.[7]

However, that he "brought to light the well-preserved body of the C. R. C. again" and secured the "jewels and documents" placed in said alleged tomb or vault or that he was in California in 1918 does not seem at all probable, but let us continue with his strange story and unique artifice, as follows:.

"Great American Conclave

(77) "Dr. Lewis quietly returned to New York and *prepared the translation of the documents*[8] he brought back with him, and in other ways arranged for the celebration of the *Revelation* at the Great Convention which was held in New York in the summer of 1918.

"*Several high representatives* from Europe, delegates from the Supreme *Council of France, India, England* and Egypt *came to New York and verified* the *jewels, seals* and *ancient cartouche* of *Amenhotep IV,*[9] now in the possession of Dr. Lewis; and the Convention *revealed to the world* again that, in accordance with the decree issued in Egypt in the twelfth century, B. C., the 'Light of Egypt' had passed to 'the land where the Eagle spreads its wings.'

"It will be recalled that when the tomb and vault were opened in Germany in 1604 the Revelation was announced to the world—

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[6] See *The Rosicrucians—Their Teachings,* p. 129 (1923 edition).

[7] In the authentic literature of the Fraternity, hidden temples are described so as to indicate their location to the initiated or as myths to convey certain messages to the Brothers. In the spurious literature, fantastic temples and fraudulent artifices, such as in this case, have been described by pretenders and charlatans.

[8] There were no such documents. Neither the originals nor the alleged translations thereof as prepared by Mr. Lewis can be produced. *They did not exist,* except in his imagination and as used by him as *devices of fraud.*

[9] Here again we have his usual device of having his "jewels, seals" and whatnots *verified.* This time he has several high official representatives of his Supreme Councils for three continents come to New York City to verify the trinkets which he says he found in a California cave. This taxes the credulity severely. Here he says that he found his "ancient cartouche" seal in a cave in California. In quotation (58) he says that he received a cartouche-seal in France, when he was "initiated." He probably purchased it at an antique shop in New York. The cartouche-seal, unknown to real Rosicrucians, seems to have been one of his important "devices." See, also, quotation (49).

and especially to the thousands who were awaiting the facts—through the issuance of a private[1] pamphlet entitled 'Fama Fraternitatis.' And when the vault and tomb were opened by Roger Bacon in 1290 the Revelation was followed by the issuance of a similar document bearing the same title.

"So in 1918 *Dr.* Lewis issued in America a private document to the venerables in America and Europe, entitled 'Fama Fraternitatis.' It was read by the highest officers of the Fraternity in various lands, *signed by each,* and amended by a long personal statement on the part of each officer of the Fraternity who sponsored or represented some jurisdiction or branch of the International organization. That document, dated in the year 1918 A. D. and 3271 R. C., is one of the *most important papers* of the Fraternity throughout the civilized world today." *(Id.,* pp. 8 and 9. The italics are ours.)

The Great American Hoax

This colorful story, conceived for the first time in Florida in 1926 on an overnight journey from New York to California in 1918 and used in his 1927 booklet as propaganda to promote his fraudulent R. C. Order, may be aptly designated the *Great American Hoax* or the *Unique Lewistonian Device* for the promotion of a fraternal racket. This *hoax* and *"tall story"* was too much even for as daring, as audacious and as presumptuous a promoter as Mr. Lewis. He was not bold enough to repeat this hoax story or to publish it twice. In the next edition of *The Light of Egypt*[2] it was omitted and no mention was made concerning it. It is a wayside tale he would like to forget.

After a fashion he did hold a meeting of a few of his members in the summer of 1918 in New York City that might, by stretching the imagination, be called a convention. However, no European, Egyptian or East Indian delegates were present.[3] The only revelation made at that convention was financial distress, dissension and

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[1] The original *"Fama Fraternitatis"* was not a private pamphlet. It was published to the world—not issued "privately," as Lewis says he issued the "Second Fama Fraternitatis" in 1918.

[2] Edition of February, 1928.

[3] This was during the World War, when sea travel was very hazardous. It is not at all likely that delegates traveled from these countries to New York to verify his "jewels and seals." It will be recalled that he attributed his failure to his inability to communicate with the "Masters" in Europe to the World War. See quotation (24).

desertion in the ranks and the failure and collapse of his organization.

The first and only *Fama Fraternitatis* ever issued by the Fraternity of the Rose Cross was issued as aforesaid in Germany in 1614. Therefore, this alleged "Fama Fraternitatis" issued "privately" in the year 1918, *if it were so issued as alleged,* would have been the "Second Fama," but by 1930 he had forgotten all about this "Second Fama," which he issued privately in 1918 to "the venerables of America and Europe" and issued another *"Second* Fama,"[4] which shows that he was anxious to forget and did conveniently forget his 1918 hoax story.

Now, to be sure, this "private document"[5] alleged by Lewis to have been issued by himself to the "venerables in America and Europe"—not including Egypt and India—never existed. And such a document with the endorsements, comments and signatures of the highest officers of the Fraternity in various lands *cannot be produced.* Neither can the alleged documents, seals, jewels and ancient cartouche of Amenhotep IV or the sarcophagus alleged to have contained them *be produced.* Notwithstanding his statement that he returned to New York with them and that he translated the documents and had the jewels, seals and cartouche verified by several high representatives from the Supreme Councils of France, India, England and Egypt, yet no one—save Lewis alone, who saw them only in his imagination—ever saw said documents and imaginary devices, and they did not exist except as imaginary *devices of fraud.* Such a hoax story as this may be disregarded, except as a *Badge of Fraud* which speaks eloquently and in no uncertain terms of a wicked fraternal swindle.

Changes His Location and Propaganda

Unable to agree with his Florida backer in the winter of 1927, he moved his headquarters to San Jose, California. With himself as the Imperator of the Hierarchy and his son as the Grand Secretary, he began to convert his fraudulent R. C. Order into a family

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[4] See his announcement of the "Second Fama," p. 371, *supra,* and the text thereof, pp. 372 to 377, *supra.* Also Reproductions Numbers 47 and 47A, pp. 393-394, *supra.*

[5] Perhaps this "private document" signed by others was his *"Confessio"* described by Mr. William Reisener in his statement quoted on page 96, *supra.*

racket, which he speedily accomplished, as we shall see in Chapter VI.

He changed his promotional propaganda, omitting the details of the organization and establishment of his fabrication in America, also the sources of his authority, dealing only in generalities so as to leave an entirely different impression from that conveyed by his former statements. In the following statement to be next reviewed we shall see his first deceptive and tricky effort to change the foundation date of his fabrication from 1915 to 1909, as finally claimed by him under oath in 1934.[6]

In February, 1928, from San Jose he issued a rewritten, greatly revised and changed edition of *The Light of Egypt,* omitting therefrom his *Great American Hoax* story which we have just considered. In this booklet, written and widely distributed to secure paying members for his questionable fraternal enterprise, we find a new type of promotional propaganda, as follows:

"The Present Order in America

(78) "Just before the great world war the leading Rosicrucian bodies in Europe decided upon a complete *real*[7] location of Rosicrucian jurisdictions throughout the world. Many congresses were held and various Supreme Councils assembled in many cities. During all these years the *continent of America was still under the direction of European jurisdictions.* The new plans were to make it a separate jurisdiction.[8]

"In the summer of 1909 *Dr.* H. Spencer Lewis, former President of the New York Institute of Psychical Research and editor of several metaphysical and occult magazines, went to Toulouse, France, the ancient seat of the Rosicrucian activities of Europe and for the past hundred years or more the meeting place for continental Rosi-

[6] See Exhibits B and C, Volume I, pp. 253 to 256. Text Volume I, pp. 198 to 223.

[7] Correctly quoted. What is meant by "real" locations of Rosicrucian jurisdictions throughout the world we do not know, but we do know that at no time did any *real* Rosicrucian bodies decide upon a reallocation of Rosicrucian jurisdictions. They possessed no such right or power. The idea is ridiculous. There was no such action taken.

[8] His statement here that European bodies made this decision cannot be reconciled with his statements in quotation (40) and the decision made at Memphis, Egypt, at the *"High Lateran Council* R. C. of the World." Such contradictions are *Badges of Fraud.*

crucian Congresses.[9]

"There under the auspices of the French jurisdiction, the Order *Rose Croix,* a special group of high officers, initiated Dr. Lewis into the international organization and appointed him their Legate to establish a separate Jurisdiction of the Order for America.

"Previous to this, many prominent Americans had been initiated into the Order in France, England and Germany, while traveling abroad,[1] and all had been advised that in time the Order in America would be one of the largest of all the jurisdictions." *(The Light of Egypt,* February Edition, 1928, pp. 9 and 11. The italics are ours.)

Here, as usual, we find his one consistent and ever-prominent device, namely, the bolstering of himself, the creation of the fictitious greatness of "Dr. Lewis" and the building of a false background and antecedents for himself as a fraudulent artifice to promote his fraternal racket.

However, in 1928 he created a new type of false promotional propaganda that repudiated the 1916 story of his journey to the East and his initiation in the French Lodge at Toulouse.[2] There he was received into the French Lodge which became his sponsor. Here the artifice changes and a "special group of high officers," under the auspices of the French jurisdiction, initiated or inducted him into the "International Organization" and the inference of his tricky generalized statement is that he became the Legate of the *International Organization,* with authority from it to establish his spurious R. C. Order in America.

Continuing this new type of false propaganda, he gives us an entirely different version of the organization of his fabrication in America, "dressed up" and rearranged in this wise:

"The Great American Conclave

(79) *"Dr.* Lewis returned from Europe and *began at once his*

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[9] In this paragraph he promoted "Dr." Lewis, the great occult editor, whose importance is greatly exaggerated. In this connection, to keep the record straight, it must be recorded that there is no authentic record of any Rosicrucian Congress ever having been held at Toulouse, France.

[1] This is introductory to a change of his story. In his first story he organized his fabrication with any and all whom he could induce to join him. In this revised version he would have us believe that he organized his enterprise with Rosicrucians of foreign initiation.

[2] See his statements in quotations (17) to (21), especially the last, dealing with his remarkable initiation. See also (22) and (23).

official activities.[3] In the early fall of 1909 he held conferences with a number of those who had been initiated abroad and who were familiar with the rules and regulations of the foreign jurisdictions and acquainted with the Supreme Officers abroad.[4]

"The task of translating into English the many *documents* and *papers of authority*[5] required months of labor, and the formation of a foundation committee necessitated many interviews and private council meetings. *Twelve* men and women had been placed on the foundation committee[6] by *Dr.* Lewis before the end of 1909, and thereafter many months were spent by these persons assisting in the *preparation of literature,* a *new* and *typically American Constitution* for the Order, and the development of *many new features* that had not been introduced into the American form of Rosicrucianism.[7] All this had to be done in *great secrecy* until a certain stage of the work was reached.

"When this point was attained there came to *Dr.* Lewis the first of the many messengers of the Order from Europe. This first representative was *Dr.* May Banks-Stacey,[8] wife of Colonel Stacey and a descendant of the Cromwells and D'Arcys of France. A woman of wide travel and many affiliations, she came as a special legate of the Order in India. She brought to Dr. Lewis and the foundation Committee the *final papers* of preparation for the great work, and the *Jewel of Authority,*[9] a *rare official emblem* and *valuable treas-*

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[3] This is a futile attempt to date the founding of his enterprise back to 1909, instead of 1915, as shown by his former statements.

[4] Compare this with his former statements which this contradicts. Here he would leave the absolutely false impression that he organized his fabrication with and through the aid of Rosicrucians of a foreign initiation and that his foundation committee, first members and council were Rosicrucians, instead of victims of his fraudulent scheme. Yet, notwithstanding, in quotation (33) all of the members and officers were initiated for the first time on May 13th, 1915.

[5] This is preposterous on its face. Only one paper or document granting authority is required, and it would not require months to translate it.

[6] In his earlier statements, shown in quotations (27), (49) and (63) the foundation committee consisted of nine, called together on February 8th, 1915; here, however, it consisted of twelve, formed in 1909.

[7] Indeed, it was a new form of spurious Rosicrucianism. The "many new features" introduced by Mr. Lewis prove its spuriousness.

[8] Building "Dr." May Banks-Stacey into a glorified myth—he uses this myth as a fraudulent device to promote his racket. The *fullsome* praise of this myth used as a device is a Badge of his Fraud.

[9] Is it not strange that with "final papers" and the "Jewel of Authority" delivered to him in the winter of 1914—see quotation (26), that he continued and so continues to this day to collect numerous additional papers and insignia of authority to prove the authenticity of his fabrication. Such action on his part is convincing proof that it is spurious.

ures from the *archives* of the *Oriental headquarters.* During her stay in America she acted as the first Matre of the Order." *(Id.,* p. 11. The italics are ours.)

The Great Occult Promoter "Dr." Lewis

Greatly Assisted by His Myth—"Dr." May Banks-Stacey

In the July edition, 1928, of his propaganda booklet, *The Light of Egypt,* he introduced the foregoing statement—quotations (78) and (79)—revised slightly as to details, with a glowing tribute to himself and his "Dr." May Banks-Stacey myth as the outstanding characters in his fabricated American organization. His introductory remarks are as follows:

(80) "The year 1909 was a very important year in the activities of many Rosicrucian jurisdictions, and in the history of many metaphysical, alchemical and Hermetic organizations. To the Rosicrucians it was the year of *new birth,* the year of the new cycle, in those lands which had completed the 108 years of silence. Chief among these was America, where the Rosicrucian activities consisted of a great fire of *power* and *knowledge*[1] burning in quiet preparation for the sudden fanning into brilliant flames. With other organizations the year was an important one in its relation to the periodicity of the Aquarian cycle. All in all, 1909 proved to be the 'quickening and awakening' year for all lands ready for the new dispensation of 'Light, Life and Love.'

"For several years prior to 1909 many *men* and *several* women of *profound* metaphysical and occult training and preparation *journeyed* to Europe, and, in either *France* or *England,* received initiation into the Rosicrucian Order *to enable* them to *assist* in the newer activities for America.[2]

"Two characters stand out in the history of the present American organization. One of these is Mrs. Col. May Banks-Stacey, a descendant of the D'Arcys of France, and through blood relationship with the *nobility* of England, a *high Initiate* of the *oldest Rosicrucian* organizations of London and Paris. She was also an *Initiate*

[1] Judging from the confession of his "Great Mistake" made in quotation (25), the "great fire of power and *knowledge*" did not burn so brilliantly in 1913 as here related, and further, judging by the abject failure of his fraternal project in 1918, there does not appear to be any great "quickening and awakening" for Lewis' new dispensation of Light, Life and Love.

[2] Compare this statement with the last paragraph in quotation (78).

of the *Order in India,* and was appointed an American Legate of the Indian Jurisdiction.[3]

"The other is *Dr.* H. Spencer Lewis, formerly President for many years of the New York Institute for Psychical Research, editor of several metaphysical magazines, and a co-worker with Elbert (Fra) Hubbard of Roycroft fame, and Mrs. Ella Wheeler Wilcox,[4] both of whom were desirous of helping in the Rosicrucian work and rendered unusual services.

"Dr. Lewis went to France in the summer of 1909 and *after consultation* with the *Supreme Master* of the French Jurisdiction was *placed under the direction of the European Supreme Council,* whose sessions *finally agreed* to the plans of the new cycle for America, and authorized the French Jurisdiction to sponsor them." *(The Light of Egypt,* July edition, 1928, p. 18. The italics are ours.)

Now, finally, after much ado and many contradictory statements concerning his alleged right, power and authority and his initiation in France, his statements simmer down to this one, *viz.*, that he consulted the Supreme Grand Master—not the "Most Worshipful Grand Master"—of France, laid his plans before him and was placed under the European Supreme Council—not the World Council R. C. or the Supreme Council of Egypt—and it finally agreed to his plans for America and authorized the French Jurisdiction to sponsor them.

The reader and investigator will find it most interesting to compare this statement with the many we have reviewed and with those to follow. In his wild, false, contradictory statements many *Badges of Fraud* are to be found which label his scheme a swindle.

Revision of "Complete" History

The *"Complete* and *Authentic* History of the Order" published in 1916 was completely revised beyond recognition and published in book form in 1929 under the title "Rosicrucian Questions and Answers With *Complete* History of the Rosicrucian Order." This

[3] One thing is certain, Mrs. "Col." or "Dr." May Banks-Stacey was not a high Rosicrucian initiate. If she had been, she would have known at once that Lewis was not a Rosicrucian and she would not have assisted—*if she did assist*—him in organizing a spurious Rosicrucian Order.

[4] This is a gross misrepresentation made after the death of the prominent persons named. They were not associated with Lewis in his fraternal racketeering. See statement of Mr. William Reisener in Chapter II, pp. 110 and 111, *supra.*

book sold under false pretenses to thousands at $2.00 per copy and is a complete misrepresentation of the Rosicrucian Order and is not an "authentic" or a "complete" history of such Order.

In his revised "complete" history we find another and quite different account of the organization of his fabrication from that set forth in his "complete" history of 1916, as follows:

> (81) "For many years I had held together a *very* large body of men and women devoted to occult and metaphysical research along Rosicrucian[5] lines. As editor of *several* occult magazines, I had made contact with various Rosicrucian manuscripts and had discovered that *I was related to one of the descendants of the first Rosicrucian body in America*—that which had established itself in Philadelphia in 1694. This gave me access to many of their old papers, secret manuscripts and teachings. These we discussed, analyzed, and attempted to put into practice. Among ourselves, the society, composed of *several* hundred persons in professional life, was known as 'The Rosicrucian Research Society'[6]. Among the *many prominent persons* then affiliated and holding active positions as officers were J. K. Funk, president of the Funk and Wagnalls Publishing Company (publishers of the *Literary Digest);* 'Fra' Elbert Hubbard, of the famous Roycrofters, and who was deeply interested in the work to the very day of his transition, and Ella Wheeler Wilcox, the famous mystical writer, who later became a member of the Supreme Council,[7] of AMORC, which position she held until the time of her transition. Others *equally* prominent who were active members are still members of the present AMORC in high degrees.[8] The meetings of the Society were held monthly from 1904 to 1909 in New York City. Realizing that we were not yet chartered or authorized to use the name *Rosicrucian,* the society operated publicly under the name of *The New York Institute for Psychical Research.* [He admits he had no right to use the name because he was not chartered—he has *no charter now*—yet he uses the name.]
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> "Just before 1909 there applied for membership in our society one

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[5] It will be noted that he also revised his spelling of the word "Rosaecrucian" to Rosicrucian. See Volume I, p. 210, *et seq.*

[6] This alleged society was known to no one. It is a creation of Lewis' imagination, born long after 1909.

[7] She was a "secret" member of his council and no one knew about it except Lewis, who did not know it, but falsely asserts it.

[8] The only other of equal prominence still a member of AMORC is "Dr." H. Spencer Lewis. This is false promotional propaganda of the most insidious kind. It is not Rosicrucian history.

who presented papers proving the appointment of 'Legate' of the Rosicrucian Order in India.[9] Many weeks of close association revealed the fact that I might be successful in my search for *some form of authority* to introduce the *true* Rosicrucian work in America at the *right time*. Every means of communication with any official of the Order in foreign lands was denied to me until 1909[1], when I was informed that the year for the *public appearance* of the Order in America *was at hand* and that definite arrangements for the new cycle had been completed. The Legate from India encouraged me to follow the urge that had actuated me for six or more years, regardless of trials that might tend to discourage my *unselfish aims.*[2]" (Lewis' *Complete History of the Rosicrucian Order,* 2nd Edition, 1932, pp. 147 to 149. Most of the italics are ours.)

The foregoing introduction, which contradicts many of his former statements, is a preamble to another revised version of the old story of the organization of his fabrication and how he acquired Rosicrucian authority thereof—*if any*.

Continuing in his history book, we read:

Another Version of the Revised Version

(82) "Therefore, I went to France in the summer of 1909 and after a brief interview with one who refused to commit himself very definitely I was directed to various cities and in each case redirected until I finally approached a definite contact in Toulouse. There I eventually found that my plans and desires had been anticipated and known for some time, and I was permitted to meet *not just one* of the officers of the French Rosicrucian Order, but *a number,* as well as *some who were members* of the international Council[3] of the Rosicrucian bodies of various European nations. At a *regular Council* meeting, and at *several special sessions* of the Order in *other*

[9] In his statement in quotation (26) this "grand old lady" first appeared in the fall of 1914. Here he advances her appearance date to "just before 1909." The reason therefor is obvious. The "legate from India" was a great convenience and, being a device, could be conveniently used.

[1] This statement made in 1929 is strangely contradictory to the statement made in his autobiography in 1916, set forth in quotation (15). Indeed, it is strange that he should have been denied every means of communication with any official of the Order until 1909, when he had been a "Dignitaire *Supreme* of the Rosicrucian Order" since 1905. A fraternal racketeer needs a good memory most of all.

[2] For a demonstration and manifestation of his *unselfish* aims, see Chapter VI.

[3] Here it is the International Council of Europe—not the Supreme Council of the World, as claimed in quotations (35), (42) and (70).

cities held in the *months* following, I was duly initiated[4] and given preliminary papers of instructions to present to others whose names had been given to me. I was also instructed to arrange to hold preliminary foundation meetings for the purpose of organizing a secret group of workers, who would receive *further instructions from Legates of the Order in India and Switzerland.*[5]

"These instructions were signed by Count Bellecastle-Ligne, the *secretary* of the International Council[6] and the venerable *LaSalle,* the well-known author of many historical Rosicrucian documents and *Grand Master* of the Order Rosae Crucis or *Rose Croix of France.* Before leaving France I had the pleasure of meeting several of the *highest* officers and met in America on my return the *Legate from India,* who presented to me the *jewels* and *papers which had been preserved from the early American foundation.*"[7] (*Id.,* pp. 149-150. The italics are ours.)

The crooked story of his initiation, as told in his history of 1916 and especially as set forth in quotation (21) of a *one*-night initiation and illumination, changes here. In the *months* following in the regular Council meetings in Toulouse and at several special sessions in *other* cities he was finally initiated. It is strange that they would take him to special sessions in other cities when the Lodge of France was located in Toulouse. If you can believe that they did, then you cannot believe that he stayed in France for "*months* following" to receive an initiation all over France, because in his statement set forth in quotation (79) he tells us that he returned from France, and in the early fall of 1909 he held confer-

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[4] Compare this with his statements in quotations (21) and (58).

[5] Note that it was the "secret group of workers" who would receive further instructions from Legates of the Order in India and Switzerland, not Mr. Lewis, who received the jewels and instructions as he has elsewhere claimed, as we have seen and shall see hereafter.

[6] In his statements shown in quotations (7) and (23), de Bellcastle-Ligne was Grand Master of the French Order. In quotation (58) he was the Supreme Hierophant of the Aquitania jurisdiction and here he is the Secretary of the International Council of Europe, while the venerable LaSalle was the Grand Master of France, not de Bellcastle-Ligne, who sponsored Lewis' fabrication. What a changing, confusing and contradictory story! Contradictions are *Badges of Fraud.*

[7] In quotations (26), (49) and (79) his convenient myth, the Legate from India brought him jewels, seals and trinkets from Egypt and India, but *here* she presents him with jewels and papers from the early American Foundation of 1694. What a *convenient Legate* and *useful device*—such a story bears the ear-marks of fraud. These alleged documents were not delivered to him as alleged, and he cannot produce them.

ences in America. Therefore, he did not tarry *months* in France.

Here also he makes another attempt to connect his spurious Order with what he says was the first R. C. Order in America founded in Philadelphia in 1694, although he had previously denied any connection and *estopped* himself from ever claiming any such connection.[8]

The Imperator's Great Surprise

Let us continue with his revised "Complete" history and note:

> (83) "Throughout the years 1909 to 1915, *many official Council*[9] *sessions were held in my home* and the homes of others with *men and women present who were descendants of early initiates of the Order* and a *few* of whom were initiates of the Order in France during the years 1900 to 1909. In 1915 the first official public *manifesto* was issued in this country announcing the *birth of a new cycle*[1] of the Order, and immediately thereafter the first Supreme Council of the Order was *selected from among hundreds* of men and women who had been *carefully selected* during the preceding *seven years.*[2] At the first official session of this American Supreme Council officers were nominated, and I was *surprised* to find that the *Legate from India* had been *instructed to nominate* me as the chief executive of the Order because of the work I had done during the seven years in organizing the new foundation. Well-qualified persons were elected to other executive positions in the Order, and *official documents* were presented to committees for *translation* and adoption in a form to fit American conditions.
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> "These meetings were followed by the first initiation of new members,[3] the report of which to the French High Council brought a document of *sponsorship* for the American *branch* signed by the principal French Officers.[4] As with every new cycle in each land, the first years of its activity are under the *sponsorship* of some well-established jurisdiction, and so for a time this *new cycle*[5] of the

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[8] See quotation (68), also (39), *supra.*

[9] We wonder how Council meetings could have been held before the Council was formed. We suppose it is his careless way of handling the truth.

[1] Not the "birth" of the Order as shown in quotation (7) and other statements.

[2] Compare this with his statements in quotations (30), (63) and (73).

[3] Compare this with his statement in quotation (33), where *all* the members of the Council and *all* officers were initiated.

[4] We have seen that this was a faked and spurious document.

[5] First, as we have seen, he caused "the Order" to be *born* and *established* in

American Order operated under the *sponsorship* of the French jurisdiction." (*Id.*, pp. 150-151. The italics are ours.)

No doubt it was a great surprise (!) to Mr. Lewis to learn that he was to be the official head and manager of his own fabrication which through his own strenuous effort he had succeeded in organizing with about twenty-five or thirty people in 1915, if we can believe his first accounts thereof.

No doubt it will also be somewhat of a surprise to the reader when comparing his statement in his revised "complete" history of 1929 with his statement relating to the same subject matter in his "Authentic and Complete" history of 1916 shown in quotations (29) and (30).

No mention was made in the current report of the first Council meeting, of the *Legate from India*—Mrs. May Banks-Stacey—being present and nominating Mr. Lewis to head the Order he had fabricated under instructions.[6] If a *real* representative of a *real* Rosicrucian Order had been present with real instructions to have Mr. Lewis appointed head of the organization then organizing, it does seem that it would have been regarded as of great importance and *at least* of sufficient importance to have required it to be mentioned in the then-current reports of the first council meeting when officers were elected. It was not mentioned in the current reports of the meeting. *It did not happen.* It was an after-thought which grew into a matured device along with the rapid-growing and expansive false propaganda used to promote and to perpetuate this fraternal swindle.

His Fabrication a Separate Jurisdiction

Notwithstanding that three years prior thereto, in 1926, he had declared himself Imperator-King of AMORC throughout the world and took upon himself the grave responsibility of *re-establishing* the fraternity throughout the world "along *the most mod-*

America. Then *reborn* and *re-established,* and in later years, he brought it forth in its *"new cycle"* and *"period of activity,"* whereas, as a matter of fact, he established a spurious Order and a fraternal swindle.

[6] Under whose instructions she was acting—if she did act as claimed—is not indicated or revealed. However, the inference intended was, that she was acting under the instructions of high Rosicrucian officials. Such is one of the many tricky methods employed by this fraternal promoter and racketeer.

ern lines,"[7] yet after recording the rapid spread of his fabrication throughout America in his *Revised* "complete" history of his fabricated AMORC throughout the world and in America, he tells us that:

> (84) "The result of this increasing activity resulted in a proclamation being issued at the *International Convention* of Rosicrucians *held in Europe,*[8] establishing North America as a complete jurisdiction of the international organization and no longer necessary to *operate as a branch* of the French body.[9]
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> "Eminent Rosicrucian officers of France, notably Monsieur Verdier,[1] the *commander-in-chief of the Illuminati* of the Rosicrucians in France, visited the Order in America and left *papers* of *approval* and *recognition.* These were followed later on by a document issued by the International Convention held in Switzerland, appointing the national headquarters of the Order in America *as a branch* of the international body. This document[2] is *one of the most important* in the archives of the American headquarters." (*Id.,* p. 155. The italics are ours.)

However, it appears that the "complete" history of his mythical, world-wide organization and of his American fabrication is not *complete* after all and that the true "history" thereof is a mass of

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[7] See quotations (70) and (71).

[8] According to earlier accounts—see quotation (40)—his fabrication was made a separate jurisdiction by "Pronunziamento Number 987,601," declaring the action taken at a *"High Lateran Council* of the Council R. C. of the World," held in Memphis, Egypt, on July 20, 1916, during the World War, when it is not likely that any meeting of a World Council was held. But in the revised "complete" history that action was taken by an international convention held in Europe—time and place not stated, and perhaps unknown.

[9] As we have seen in quotations (11) and (61) and elsewhere, he has repeatedly declared—*emphatically* declared, that his fabrication was *not* and is *not* a *branch* of any foreign organizations; yet here, despite his previous denials and declarations, he admits that it was at one time a *branch* of the *French body,* and is now a *branch* of the *international body.*

[1] Back in 1915, as shown in quotation (10), Monsieur Jerome T. Verdier was the "Magi of the Supreme Council of France in Toulouse," when he visited Lewis in New York—*if he did.* Here in the *revised* "complete" history, in 1929, he became the "Commander-in-Chief of the Illuminati of the Rosicrucians in France"—an organization *unknown* to the authentic Rosicrucian Fraternity.

[2] This evidently refers to his "Important Rosicrucian Document Number 4," issuing from the Sovereign Sanctuary of the O. T. O. in Switzerland, which we translated on page 281, *supra,* and discussed at length in Chapter IV, *supra.* See Reproduction Number 40, p. 283, *supra.* But there was *no* International Rosicrucian convention held in Switzerland which issued the document as here claimed by Mr. Lewis.

contradictory false statements.

The Way of the Transgressor

Looking over his propaganda booklet issued in 1930, we find this fraternal racketeer and promoter of a fraudulent R. C. Order asserting by inference that his fabrication is connected with and a continuation of an early American Rosicrucian organization, of which Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were members. His averments are as follows:

"Great American Members

> (85) "In America, during the years 1694 to 1800, the work of the Rosicrucians had more direct bearing upon the founding of the American system of progressive living than any other institution. Its members, including Thomas Jefferson, were instrumental in bringing greater freedom to the American people, and such men as Benjamin Franklin aided the Rosicrucians to spread their teachings into every home.[3]
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> "*Eminent* clergymen, priests, ministers of various denominations, educators and lecturers took up the high ideals of the Rosicrucian movement, and today the work in *America, Canada* and *Mexico* is perfectly organized in every large city or section of each State and province, all operating under *one Charter* granted by the International Council, and working in harmony with the official organizations throughout the world." *(The Light of Egypt,* November 1930, p. 9. The italics are ours.)

Using his usual promotional propaganda and device of the association with his fabrication and himself of *eminent* people, he here makes the unique and astounding claim that his organization in America is operating under a *charter* granted by the *International Council* and working in harmony with the "*official* organization" throughout the world, notwithstanding the fact that he has no such charter. Moreover. If he correctly described his alleged International Council in quotation (46) as being an "*advisory council,*" composed of the heads of each branch in each land, then it could possess *no charter-granting* power from its inherent nature. Con-

[3] If there was such a Rosicrucian organization as he described, of which such eminent Americans were members, he is estopped to claim any connection with it, as we have seen, by reason of his statement set forth in quotation (68).

tinuing in the same article, he asserts his spurious Order to be:

"The True Rosicrucians

(86) "Therefore, there is today just ONE Rosicrucian movement throughout the world, operating as a unit, free from religious or political distinctions and abiding by the ancient rules which prohibit *any form* of *commercialism,* fanaticism, *extravagance,* or *preposterous pretensions.*[4] Under one name, one symbol and *one guiding Council,* the Rosicrucian movement is known today by its symbolical abbreviated name, AMORC.

"That there should be some forms of imitation, some pretenders *who would make use of the name and high repute of the movement is regrettable.* [Indeed, it is!] There are not many, and their existence may be taken as a compliment to the *high regard in which the Rosicrucians have been held for so many centuries.* The distinguishing features between these pretending bodies and the real Rosicrucian organization is found in the fact that the AMORC bodies throughout the world do *not sell their teachings,* do *not* claim to have *books teaching the arts and 'secrets' of Rosicrucianism*[5] and do not indulge in fortune telling by *astrology* or crystal-gazing, and *do not claim* to have a *personal leader* who 'discovered' the teachings and to whom allegiance and adoration must be given as a demigod." *(Id.,* pp. 9-10. The italics are ours.)

The way of the transgressor and the arch-impostor is to assume a virtue and to pretend to be that which he is not. Here he assumes to be the head of the *authentic* Rosicrucian Order in America and condemns all other movements, including the AUTHENTIC ROSICRUCIAN FRATERNITY, as being spurious and operating in imitation of his fraudulent order and fraternal racket. All pretenders have followed the same course. Matthew McBlain Thomson claimed that his American Masonic Federation was the true and authentic Masonic Order and that the regular Masonic organiza-

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[4] When you read his merchandising list in Chapter VI and the manner in which he has converted his family racket into a *commercial* project, when you read his *extravagant* and high pressure propaganda and when you consider his *preposterous pretensions,* herein set forth, you know that he is a pretender *de luxe* and a racketeer extraordinary.

[5] The teachings are given only to those who pay their dues. He has a library of Rosicrucian books, which he sells. See back covers of the *Rosicrucian Digest*—his official organ.

tions in the United States were spurious.[6] Such is the way of the transgressor and the pretender.

Preposterous Pretensions

Contending, as we have just seen, that the true Rosicrucian movement is *free* from *"preposterous pretensions,"* we find that, in the next edition of his propaganda booklet, *The Light of Egypt,* issued March, 1931, he *proves* his fabrication to be the "True Organization" by making the following PREPOSTEROUS PRETENSIONS, to wit:

"Rosicrucian Authority—The True Organization

(87) "Many persons believe that the word "Rosicrucian" is a generic word that may be applied to any system of instruction or method of *spiritual development* that is unique or beyond the common-place. This wrong belief is responsible for a number of small movements in various parts of the world composed of men and women studying various arcane philosophies calling themselves 'Rosicrucian students.'

"There is but *one* true Rosicrucian organization throughout the world, whose founders invented the word 'Rosicrucian' as a definition of their original symbol, consisting of the Rose on the Cross. These founders have perpetuated the true Rosicrucian Organization through all ages by *insisting that each successive Master or Grand Master and Imperator of each branch of the organization shall be a blood descendant by transfusion of the original founders.*[7] Thus the original organization has perpetuated itself in all lands and has retained its secret archives and preserved its teachings exclusively for its members, and has successfully prevented any of its real teachings and instructions from ever being printed or issued in public books, or sold by publishing companies or groups not chartered and sponsored by the true organization.

"Regardless of the claims made by Rosicrucian societies, fellowships, or publishing companies,[8] which use a name that is different

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[6] See *The Thomson Masonic Fraud,* pp. 72 to 97, inclusive.

[7] We have considered these *preposterous pretensions* in Chapter IV, pp. 353 to 363, *supra.*

[8] In much of his propaganda literature, he has referred to the Randolph Foundation of the Rose Cross—the true and genuine organization of the Rosicrucians in America—as a publishing company. This has been one of the methods employed

from the true name of the organization and use a symbol that is slightly different from the true symbol, the fact remains that the genuine Rosicrucian organization throughout the world has only *one* headquarters in each country, and all of these are operated under a *universal* or International Supreme Council, composed of the high officers in every land and maintaining an International Secretary and headquarters in Europe *near* the *location* of the *original European foundation.*[9]

"Unless any European movement is an adherent to, or a member of, the International Supreme Council and has on its official documents the International seal,[1] the group or organization is not teaching the true Rosicrucian instructions, nor has it access to the wonderful archives and libraries[2] or secret and rare manuscripts preserved and added to since antiquity." *(The Light of Egypt,* March 1931, p. 23. The italics are ours.)

Shrinkage in Claims of Authority

In his next propaganda booklet, *The Wisdom of the Sages,* which was issued in March, 1932, and circulated throughout the United States during the years 1932 and 1933 in the vast volume of from eight to ten thousand copies per month,[3] he makes no direct claim to Rosicrucian authority, abandons his former practice of attempting to set forth said claims and makes a brief and "simple" averment asserting in substance that his spurious R. C. Order, which he also calls the "Rosicrucian Brotherhood," is the

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to discredit the authentic Order, that his spurious Order may survive. Other methods employed to the same end have been considered in Chapter III, *supra.*

[9] This refers to his futile attempt in 1930 to form the International Council, *Pansophia, in* conjunction with Heinrich Franker—*Recnartus*—with headquarters in Berlin, Germany, *"near the location of the original* European foundation." By this statement—recognizing the *German Foundation*—he repudiates all his previous claims that the Rosicrucian Order first originated in Toulouse, France. This same subject matter has been dealt with at length in Part Three of Chapter IV, pp. 325 to 395, *supra.*

[1] The "International Seal" here referred to is shown at the top of the title page of his "second Fama," locating the International Headquarters of the Supreme Council of AMORC in Berlin, Germany. See our Reproduction Number 47, p. 393, *supra.* However, he soon abandoned this claim, as he abandoned and repudiated his alliance with Recnartus and his faked R. C. organization called "Pansophia." See Part Three of Chapter IV, *supra.*

[2] This refers to the "Collection Pansophia" described on pp. 349 to 353, *supra.*

[3] So stated by Mr. Lewis in his *Temple Monograph,* Eleventh Grade, Number 29, p. 3, quotations (98) and (101).

authentic organization. This booklet, which deals only in generalities, inferences and alluring inducements, was *designed to deceive* and *did deceive* thousands and induced them under false pretenses to become paying members of his fraternal racket.

The only scant reference he makes to his authority, which is by inference only, is found on the last page of the booklet, as follows:

"Averment—The International Name

(88) "The Order uses the same ancient name that is found in the oldest records. That name in complete Latin form is: Antiquae Arcane Ordinis Rosae Rubeae et Aureae Crucis. In America and other English-speaking countries the name is shortened to Ancient, Mystical Order Rosae Crucis. The Latin words Rosae Crucis mean "of the Rosy Cross." For the sake of brevity, the initials are used thus: A. M. O. R. C.

"The True Organization

"There are certain characteristics that determine at once the authenticity of any organization claiming Rosicrucian authority. *The true Rosicrucian Organization* for every jurisdiction of the world *is represented at all International Rosicrucian Congresses* held in Europe.[4] In North America that Organization is the A. M. O. R. C. and *has a United States patent on the name of the Order, and its true symbol.* It never uses the name of Rosicrucian Society or Rosicrucian Fellowship or Center. The initials A. M. O. R. C. appear on all of its literature, on its announcements, and are associated with all of its outer activities.

"Its True Symbol

"The official true symbol of the Order is a gold cross with a single red rose in the center.[5] *The cross has no religious signifi-*

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[4] In Chapter IV we examined into his so-called International Rosicrucian Congresses held in Europe and found that they were snares, delusions and fraudulent. His spurious R. C. organization has never been represented at a genuine Rosicrucian Congress. This statement is willfully *false.*

[5] Here he adopts the symbol of the authentic Order, without right or authority, as the symbol of his fabrication, just as he wrongfully appropriated the Rosicrucian name for his spurious Order. Such wrongful appropriation of the symbol and name

cance, as it was used as an ancient symbol before Christianity. [As if Christianity were the only religion.] *Its true meaning is the material body of man with arms outstretched in salutation.* The rose represents man's soul confined in the body unfolding as it receives more light and understanding.

"To reach the Administration Halls and Supreme Lodges of the Order in North America, address all mail as follows:

Rosicrucian Brotherhood[6]

Rosicrucian Park San Jose, California"

(The Wisdom of the Sages, p. 32. The italics are ours.)

Wanton False Pretense

Falsely claiming that his fabrication is the *"true Rosicrucian Organization,"* he deliberately represents that it *"has a United States patent on the name of the Order and its true symbol."* This representation is absolutely false. It was made with willful intent to deceive. He has no patent on a *Rosicrucian name* or on the *true Rosicrucian symbol.* This false representation is based upon a *trademark* which he registered in the unincorporated name of his fraternal racket or spurious R. C. Order shown in *fac-simile* in our Reproduction No. 71 at the end of this chapter. Now, he did not register the name or the symbol as a trademark, but registered a design for certain publications named herein wherein the name "The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis" and the *Rosy Cross* form a part of the *complete* design shown in said Reproduction No. 71 containing said name, the Rosy Cross, the word Cromaat and other symbols or insignia. *This design* in its *complete form*—in its *entirety*—can only be used as a *trademark* on his publications. If any part of the *complete* design is omitted, then it is

of the Rosicrucians is fraudulent and done with fraudulent intent to deceive, and has deceived thousands to their detriment.

[6] Although he had previously declared that his fabrication is "the true Order—the original and perfect Rosicrucian Order—is known by *only one* name—'The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis'" (see Volume I, p. 211) and that other organizations calling themselves temples, centers and BROTHERHOODS have naught to do with AMORC (see Volume I, p. 210). *Yet* here, contrary to his previous positive declaration that his fabrication is an ORDER—*not* a BROTHERHOOD, we find him advertising his false wares under the name of the *Rosicrucian Brotherhod,* and that, too, notwithstanding, that he had also declared that his fabrication is not affiliated with any "movement using the word *Rosicrucian*" in this country. See quotations (55), (60), (88) and (89).

not the trademark that he registered and *is of no force or effect.* Such design or registered trademark does not protect the use of or give him the right to use the name "Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis" or the Rosy Cross separately as a trademark for his publications.

To secure members for his fraternal racket and spurious R. C. Order under such false pretense is not only wanton and grievous, but it is reprehensible beyond all measure, since he knew and so declared[7] that the words *Rosicrucian* or *Rosae Crucis* or *any forms* of the terms *have not been* and *cannot be patented.*

In this wise and by such despicable misrepresentations, he uses a trademark[8] registered by the United States Government[9] as a fraudulent device to deceive his victims and to lead them to believe that our Government has sanctioned his scheme by giving him patent protection for the Rosicrucian name and symbol which he uses wrongfully and without rightful authority.

The Often-Told Story

Told Differently Each Time

Since 1918 Mr. Lewis has published a book called the *Rosicrucian Manual—AMORC,* which he has sold to his victims. The earlier editions were issued by a publishing company. The later editions have been sold direct by a special department of his commercialized fraternal racket known as the Rosicrucian Supply Bureau.

In the sixth edition of his said manual, published in 1934, under the title of "The AMORC and Its Organization," we find him telling another and quite different story of his AMORC and its organization from those other different stories which we have reviewed, as follows:

(89) "Then came 1909—108 years after the year 1801[1] and the

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[7] See his statement to this effect in quotation (65), *supra.*

[8] In several of his publications he identifies said *Trade Mark* by its serial number while falsely representing it to be a *patent.*

[9] As aforesaid, in devious ways and by ingenious methods he has used governments, governmental agencies, their implied approval of his scheme, and his alleged association with high governmental officials as a device to promote his fraternal swindle.

[1] This refers to his claim, heretofore discussed, of a Rosicrucian Colony which he

time for *rebirth* and *reorganization*[2] in a public form was at hand. The story of how our present Imperator, H. Spencer Lewis, was *chosen* to bear the *burden of reorganization* has *often been told, investigated, verified,* and *acknowledged* by the highest Rosicrucian authorities of Europe and other lands.[3]

"Having had passed to him in the proper way certain knowledge preserved by the descendants of the first foundation in America,[4] he prepared himself through various courses of study and association with scientific and metaphysical bodies, for the work he was to undertake in 1909. Then in the month of July of that year he went to France, where he was *introduced* to the *right authorities* and *inducted into the mysteries and methods* of carrying out *his life mission.*

"Returning to America he held many secret sessions with men and women who had been initiated into the Order in France and India[5] and other lands, who formed with him the first foundation committee. Together they labored for six years so that in the seventh year of preparation they could announce to the American public the *re-establishment* of the Rosicrucian Order. The *first official Manifesto* was warmly greeted by a gathering of *over three hundred*

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says settled in Philadelphia in 1694 and continued active as a Rosicrucian organization until 1801, when it ceased to function.

[2] Compare this statement changed so as to connect his fabrication with an alleged earlier American R. C. Order with his earlier statements shown in quotations (7), (10), (16), (48), (63) and (72). There his fabrication was *"born"* and *"established"*; here in his changed and contradictory version the process *changes* to one of *"rebirth"* and "reorganization."

[3] This reminds us of how often he has used this *special device* of having his claims and authority verified. This is another angle, that of having his "story" verified by the highest Rosicrucian authorities in Europe and *other* lands—it is a *Badge of Fraud.*

[4] This is a repetition of his claims made in quotation (82), where he says that on his return from France in 1909 the Legate from India presented him with "jewels and *papers*" from the early American foundation. Here he says that by certain knowledge preserved by the descendants of the first American foundation and passed on to him before he went to France in 1909 he was able, with various courses of study, to prepare himself for the fabrication of his spurious R. C. Order. Can anyone tell from his statements when, if at any time, he came into possession of the secrets, jewels and papers of the alleged first American foundation? Certainly not, because the truth is that he received no such "knowledge," jewels or papers. See also quotation (81), where he claims that he is related to one of the descendants of said alleged first American foundation.

[5] In his previous version of this same story he had called together Rosicrucian initiates from France, England and Germany. This is the first version in which he has introduced initiates from India. Compare this with his earlier statements as to who composed his foundation committee in quotations (27), (49), (63), (72) and (79).

prominent students of the *ancient Rosicrucian teachings,* who *examined* the official papers, seals and *warrants* [!] possessed by Imperator Lewis and formed the first American Council of the Order.[6] A report of that session was sent to France, to the body of men who undertook the burden of supporting the foundation work in America, and a few months later the Grand Council of the *Ordre Rose Croix* of France sent the Imperator a paper of *sponsorship* for the Order in America.

"Thereafter further organization meetings were held until a point was reached when *two officials* of the *International Council*[7] of the Order visited America, approved of the organization as established here, and, upon their report to the International Convention in Europe,[8] the American Order was made an independent jurisdiction, coming directly under the guidance of the International Council of the Order, instead of under the sponsorship of the French jurisdiction.

"And this gave the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis (AMORC) of North America a *representation* in the International Council,[9] in its National and International Conventions and Congresses, and made the American AMORC a part of the AMORC of the world. Therefore, the AMORC is today the ONLY Rosicrucian movement in America having such authority and connections.[1]

"But there are other Rosicrucian movements here. They use the

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[6] He has given us several different versions of the formation of his American Council who issued the *"first official Manifesto."* In quotation (30) about thirty of the most active workers met, constituted themselves the Supreme Council and issued the *American Charter,* which was the *"first official Manifesto,"* as shown in quotation (32). Here he multiplies the number present by ten or more and *over three hundred prominent* students of Ancient Rosicrucian teachings examined the official papers, seals and *warrants* possessed by Imperator Lewis. A warrant is a charter, and he has shown by his statement in the next sentence and by other statements that he had *no charter* in 1915. By increasing the number attending the meeting on April 1, 1915, from about thirty to more than three hundred he has demonstrated his superb ability as a mathematician, but truth and his veracity suffered severely.

[7] In his earlier statement—quotation (10)—Jerome T. Verdier, Magi of the Supreme Council of France, visited America and approved of the plans. Here Mons. Verdier increases and is *two* officials of the International Council. Which of these two different versions is true? Neither. They are both false. Just *Badges of Fraud.*

[8] Again he makes the assertion that his fabrication was made a separate jurisdiction by a convention in Europe and not in Memphis, Egypt, as he alleges in quotation (40).

[9] Here he says he was given *a representation* in the International Council. In his statement—quotation (40)—he was given three representatives on the Council with twenty-one votes out of forty-eight.

[1] Which is no Rosicrucian authority at all. *This is obvious.*

term or word *Rosicrucian.* But none of these Rosicrucian movements or publishing companies or societies uses the term ROSICRUCIAN ORDER, nor do they use the title Ancient and Mystical ORDER Rosae Crucis." *(Rosicrucian Manual—AMORC*—p. 6. The italics are ours.)

A Strange Story—Strangely False

This story, told so often and so differently each time, takes on a still different aspect in the Manual of AMORC. In the earlier versions of this oft-told story "Dr." Lewis has our hero, "Imperator-Rex, the Most Perfect Master Profundis," seeking long and vainly for the hidden Rose Cross and begging—imploring with abject *humility*—that he might become a humble member of the great brotherhood,[2] notwithstanding that four years prior thereto he had been made a *"Dignitaire Supreme* of the Rosicrucian Order."[3] Here the spotlight shifts and our hero becomes the martyr and was *chosen* from among the many eminent scientists and men worth while to assume the grave responsibility and the heavy *burden* of the reorganization of the Rosicrucian Order—a *task* "none but the present *Imperator-Rex of AMORC throughout the world,* Harve Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., *Ph.D.,* could have accomplished."[4]

In his first and other versions he was initiated into the Order in the Supreme Grand Lodge of France, and then it changed and was the International or World Council,[5] but in the *Manual* version he merely went to France in 1909 and was introduced to the right authorities and was inducted into the mysteries and methods of cunning fraternal racketeering, which has been his life's mission. This version is, perhaps, nearer the truth than the many other versions, except that it was not necessary for him to go to France to learn the methods and the tricks of fraternal racketeering.

It will be recalled that in the early days of his fabrication and for a few years thereafter he undertook to distinguish his spurious R. C. Order from all other movements using a Rosicrucian name, and from the authentic Fraternity by designating his fabrication as

[2] See his statement in quotations (17) and (18).

[3] Shown by his statement in quotation (15).

[4] See his remarkable statement in quotation (70).

[5] For his first version see quotation (21) for other and different versions see quotations (71), (80) and (82), as well as others herein set forth.

an *"Order"* and declaring that it had naught to do with the authentic organization or others using the word *"Rosicrucian"* and calling themselves societies, fellowships, brotherhoods or fraternities.[6] Since then he has repudiated all of his earlier claims and statements and has referred to his fraternal racket as the "Rosicrucians" as a brotherhood and fraternity, and although he began to change his promotional propaganda and to revise and reverse his claims about the year 1928 or 1929, he has, through carelessness and inadvertence, carried these earlier false statements and propaganda into the 1934 editions of his manual. Thus he continues to assert his inconsistent, false claims unto this day.

Boldness as an Artifice

Fearing, no doubt, that some may doubt and disbelieve his various propagandic stories, the truth of which cannot be verified, in the next statement in his 1934 revised Manual he resorts to the artifice of boldness—of *definite* and *unequivocal* statements and *emphatic claims,* asserted, as it were, "without fear of contradiction," as follows:

> (90) "Ever since the AMORC was organized in America it has made its *definite* and *unequivocal* claim of *genuineness.* Its Supreme Lodge was duly incorporated, not as a society or fellowship of Rosicrucians, but as 'The Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis *of the Great White Brotherhood.'*[7] Please note the word *Order* and the Latin term Rosae Crucis in the title. Its *Colleges* and *Universities* were also *incorporated,* and a *Patent* was secured from the *United States Government* protecting the *name* and *symbols* of the Order in the United States and Dependencies. AMORC is the *only Rosicrucian* movement in North America having a *patent* on the *symbol* of the *Cross* with ONE *rose in its center,* which is the *true ancient symbol* of the *Order in all lands.*[8]

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[6] See Volume I, pp. 208 to 222 both inclusive and quotation (60).

[7] A bolder, falser representation could not be made. By this absolutely false propaganda he attempts, as we have seen in Part Four of Chapter IV, to associate his fabrication with the Great White Brotherhood while teaching doctrines of the Black Brotherhood, as shown in Part Five of Chapter IV. It was not incorporated until 1928 and then as the *"Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC."* The words *"of the Great White Brotherhood"* were not a part of the corporate name, as above willfully misrepresented. See Chapter VI.

[8] This is a repetition of the false representation to which we have directed particular attention a few pages back.

"Therefore, AMORC repeats again its statement: It is a part of the International Rosicrucian Order, most jurisdictions of which use the same name except for a slight variation due to translation in foreign languages. It is a part of the ONE and ONLY Rosicrucian ORDER that is *truly international.* It is the only Rosicrucian movement, society,[9] or body in North America having membership and representation in the 'Conseil Internationale, Antiqum Arcanum Ordinis Rubeae Rosae et Aureae Crucis' with its international *'Siege social* and *Secretariat general'* in Europe and its *sacred Sanctums* and *monasteries* in India and other lands in the Orient, with the *Holy Assembly of Masters in Tibet.*[1] The AMORC of America, therefore, is *duly represented* in the *International Congresses and Conventions* held at stated periods in Europe and adheres to the ancient traditions and customs in all of its standards and practices. * * *"[2] *(Id.,* pp. 6-7. The italics are ours.)

Here he resorts to the last and desperate trick and artifice of fraudulent promotion, that of overwhelming and disarming the prospective victims of exploitation by bold and unequivocal claims of genuineness, stated in the language and mode of absolute confidence so as to completely awe and throw the unwary entirely off their guard. Such propaganda, without any substantial supporting facts, is an eloquent *Badge of Fraud.*

The FUDOSI—*A Fraudulent Device*

Created to Establish the Genuineness of a Racket

Revising the 1934 edition of his Manual so as to bring all of his artifices and devices down to date, we find him asserting that:

(91) "In August of 1934 in Brussels, Belgium, a special conclave of the highest officers of the fourteen outstanding mystical, arcane and metaphysical movements of the world was held. The *object of the conclave* was to *perpetuate,* by the forming of *an international organization,* the traditional rituals, teachings, laws and principles

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[9] Here he refers to his fabrication as a "society," contradicting and repudiating his former statements that it had naught to do with Rosicrucian movements calling themselves *societies.* See Volume I, p. 210.

[1] It is strikingly strange that he should have omitted *Egypt* from this sweeping, bold, false statement to which he still takes his deluded members on junkets to receive the *"higher cosmic initiations."* These false representations relating to Tibet have been completely exposed in Chapter IV, *supra.*

[2] The part omitted here from the above quotation is quoted on p. 562, *supra.*

of each of the respective organizations, and to establish such rules and regulations and method of procedure as would *identify* each of these *outstanding organizations* as being *authentic* and *genuine,*[3] as *distinguished* from the *number of movements of a clandestine nature* throughout the world.

Each of these fourteen organizations trace their origin authentically for centuries into the past. The AMORC was the only organization of North America officially recognized at this conclave. The various bodies represented formed what is termed the 'Federation Universelle des Orders et Societies Initiatique'.[4] Various *honors* were conferred upon the highest officers of the AMORC represented at this conclave, and *additional charters of authority* and *recognition* were conferred upon the *Imperator* of AMORC of North America.

"One of the resolutions of this conclave was that the AMORC is the *only authentic, recognized Rosicrucian organization in North America* as decreed by the unanimous decision of the Imperators and Grand Masters of the fourteen ancient mystical groups assembled in convention at Brussels, Belgium, August, 1934." *(Id.,* pp. 6-7. The italics are ours.)

The "Federation Universelle des Ordres et Societies Initiatique" (FUDOSI) has been considered in Parts One and Four of Chapter IV and fully *exposed* as a *fraudulent device.* We shall not consider it further in this connection, other than to point to the fact, as shown by the foregoing statement, that he continues to use the FUDOSI as a fraudulent device to promote and perpetuate his fraternal swindle.

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[3] This statement removes all doubts that it was his intention and purpose in forming the FUDOSI to create for himself a device to establish the "authenticity and genuineness" of his fraudulent scheme called the AMORC.

[4] This is the FUDOSI—the eminent *fraudulent device.* In 1934 H. Spencer Lewis, the Imperator of the Family Racket, attended a Great European Conclave when the device called FUDOSI was instituted in Brussels. He was initiated in all the worthwhile clandestine orders of Europe. See Part Four of Chapter IV. In 1936 Ralph M. Lewis, the Grand Secretary of the Lewis Hierarchy of the Family Racket, went abroad with his party, traveling on the Royal Revenues at the expense of the paying members or victims of this Fraternal Racket. He also visited Brussels, met the Imperator of Europe—*Hieronymus,* held a special conclave of the FUDOSI, was inducted into the "thirteenth traditional historical" degree of AMORC (a new degree reserved specially for the Hierarchy of the Lewis family) and was also honored and inducted into "one of the oldest arcane orders in Europe." See *Rosicrucian Digest,* March 1937, pp. 61-62. It will greatly interest the reader and investigator to read this article, from which it appears that the Lewises are still using the FUDOSI as a fraudulent device for the promotion and perpetuation of their fraternal racket.

The said Manual containing the foregoing statement is continuously being sold and circulated through the mails throughout the United States.

Another Version of the Oft-Told Story

Further on in his Manual, in a "brief biography" of himself compiled by himself "from facts gathered from our various official publications and from official records," we find still another version of the often-told story of how the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy fabricated the family racket and his Rosicrucian "authority" therefor, as follows:

> (92) "After *many years*[5] of continuous scientific and psychic research even in the fields of wireless (radio) when this science was little known, he made his first contact with the work of the Rosicrucians, through obtaining copies of the secret manuscripts of the first American Rosicrucians,[6] who established their headquarters near Philadelphia in 1694. A member of the English Branch which sponsored the first movement in America, Mrs. Colonel May Banks-Stacey, descendant of Oliver Cromwell and the D'Arcys of France, placed in his hands such *papers* as had been officially transmitted to her by the last of the first American Rosicrucians, with *Jewels* and *Keys* of Authority[7] received by her from the Grand Master of the Order in India, while an officer of the work in that country.
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> "For several years correspondence was maintained with different representatives of the foreign jurisdictions until proper inves-

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[5] In 1909 Mr. Lewis was twenty-five years of age. To be sure, he had not spent *many* years in scientific research. This is one of the many artifices used by him to promote his fraternal swindle.

[6] In his statement in quotation (81) he was *related to* a descendant of one of the members of the alleged first Rosicrucian foundation, through whom he gained access to these secret manuscripts. In quotation (82) these papers were presented to him by the Legate from India and in quotation (89) they were merely passed on to him in a "proper way". Here he made the first contact with the Rosicrucians through the secret manuscripts of the alleged American R. C. founded in 1694, but in quotation (15) his remarkable scientific ability attracted the Rosicrucians to him and in 1904 he was made a Fellow of the R. C. in France and in 1905 a "Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosicrucian Order". Which of these inconsistent, false representations can anyone believe? None. They are all *fraudulent artifices.*

[7] The validity of Rosicrucian authority which can be conferred by "Jewels and Keys" is very questionable. This would be a laughable joke if it were not an *Artifice of Fraud.*

tigation could be made establishing the worthiness of Dr. Lewis to carry out the *warrants*[8] then in his possession. Finally in 1909 he was directed to make his appearance before certain high officials in France. He visited Toulouse, the ancient city of the Rosicrucian International conclave, and returned from that country in possession of *further* authority.[9] This, and the papers possessed by Sro. Stacey, were presented to a Committee[1] of *over a hundred* American citizens[1] and the foundation for the decreed revival of the work in America was laid, with Sro. Stacey as *Grand Matre* of the Order, and *Dr.* Lewis as *Supreme Grand Master." (Rosicrucian Manual—AMORC,* 1934, pp. 129-130. The italics are ours.)

Nearer the Truth—But Not True

Thus it is that his many varied, inconsistent and contradictory false representations concerning and made in relation to the fabrication and organization of his fraudulent Rosicrucian Order and his alleged Rosicrucian authority therefor narrow down to this last revised statement now being circulated in the last edition of his so-called Rosicrucian Manual. This statement is nearer the truth than his previous false representations on the same subject. Here he alleges and falsely represents that the foundation of his fabrication was laid upon the *"papers"* of the first American Rosicrucians—*with whom he denied all connections*[2]—and *"Jewels and*

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[8] According to *all* of his former claims and statements, heretofore reviewed, he had no *warrants* of Rosicrucian authority in his possession before 1909, nor has he ever received or possessed such a warrant. This is a *Fraudulent Artifice.*

[9] He possessed no authority prior to 1909. He went to France begging to be made a brother and for authority for his fabrication. See quotations (17) to (21) inclusive. Therefore, he did not return with "further authority" nor any authority for that matter. This is simply an *artifice.*

[1] Here we have another "tall" story about the Foundation Committee of his fabrication—a committee of over one hundred. It is remarkable how this foundation committee has grown with each re-telling of his false story. It consisted of nine men and women in quotation (27); of nine occult researchers in quotation (49); of nine representatives of advanced schools of thought in (63); of forty-eight Rosicrucian students who formed a committee of sixty in (72). However, it dwindled down to twelve in (79), but here it reached the magnificent stature of *over one hundred* members. These contradictory statements and this ballyhoo propaganda are just so many *devices and artifices of Fraud to promote a fraternal swindle.*

[2] See his denial of all connection with the first American Rosicrucians whom he also alleges founded the first Rosicrucian Order in America, in 1694 near Philadelphia, as set forth in quotation (68).

Keys of Authority" received by Mrs. Stacey from the Grand Master of the Order in India, which he says she delivered to him prior to 1909,[3] and the *"further* authority" which he possessed when he returned from France in 1909. A review of his various inconsistent statements has shown us conclusively that he possessed no "further" original or rightful Rosicrucian authority to establish or re-establish the Order in this country, where it had been established for more than a half century and was then active and functioning.[4]

Therefore, judging solely from a review of his own contradictory and inconsistent claims and statements, the conviction becomes steadfast and the conclusion irresistible that he possessed *no* Rosicrucian authority for the organization of his so-called Rosicrucian Order launched under a Rosicrucian appellation and now fraudulently represented to be the *"only authentic, recognized* Rosicrucian organization in North America."

A Handmaiden of Fabrication

The Grand Old Lady Myth an Artifice of Fraud

On page 13 of the aforesaid Manual he published the picture of a lady with a young face and powdered hair, said to be the likeness of "Mrs. May Banks-Stacey, co-founder and first Grand Maitre in U. S. A."—the grand old lady who delivered to him "a few papers, a small packet and a beautiful red rose" in the fall of 1914 and "whose days were numbered."[5] It is very evident that the picture was posed for the very purpose for which it has been used. The lady in the picture wears a cross upon her bosom and holds a Rosy Cross in her hand.

There may have been a lady by the name of Mrs. May Banks-Stacey, who may have been or may not have been a member of his fabrication in New York in its early days. However, diligent and extensive inquiry among the first and early members of his organization and of the remaining numbers of his first and early Supreme

[3] In quotation (26) he says that she delivered the "seal and an insignia" in the fall of 1914, which greatly fortified his work, which was the first appearance of this lady myth in his earlier statements.

[4] See Books One, Two; Book Three, p. 133; Book Four, 225 to 243, and Book Six of Volume I.

[5] See quotation (26).

Councils fails to reveal anyone who knew or ever saw the "grand old lady." The belief persists among those first members and councilors that a kind and obliging actress posed for the picture of the First Grand Maitre of the fabrication in the U. S. A.

Careful inquiry into the acts concerning the "grand old lady," who was of "royal descent and intimately acquainted with governmental and military authorities here and abroad," who performed so many marvelous and useful services for him and who delivered into his hand at the right time so many jewels, insignia, seals, keys of authority and papers, reveals that she was a myth of his own designing and creation and an artifice for the promotion of his spurious R. C. Order.

Let us briefly review the wonder she was and the marvelous things she did to help in the trying and uncertain days of fabrication, as told by Mr. Lewis, the creator of this convenient myth and fraudulent device. The numbers in the parentheses following in the text refer to the numbered quotations of his statements, to be found, *supra*. In his statement of July, 1916, she appears on his birthday, November 25, 1914, and gave "a few papers, a small packet and a beautiful red rose" and a wonderful locket. These he found to be some of the "papers" which the Masters had explained to him in Europe in 1909 would be delivered by *special messenger*. They were just what he needed most, and they greatly fortified his work. She was then a "special messenger" from Europe with devices from Europe. He had not at that time "created" or made her the Legate from India. If he had, he omitted to mention it in 1916—(26). In his statement in 1917, when he called together "nine men and women who had spent their lives in occult research to form the foundation committee" to examine and approve the "seals, jewels and papers" he possessed, one of the nine was *"the official messenger of the Order from India"*—the "GRAND OLD LADY" MYTH—(49). In his statement made in his propaganda booklet, *Rosicrucian Illumination,* in 1926, his myth and artifice was there represented to be a "delegate of the Fraternity from India", and appeared in person "with certified and sealed documents, jewels and credentials to be delivered to chief officers to be elected on this momentous occasion"—on All Fools' Day, 1915—(73). In his statement in his propaganda booklet, *The Light of Egypt,* issued in February, 1928, his myth and artifice was "the

first of many *messengers* of the Order from *Europe.*" Some time between 1909 and 1915—exact time not specified—"she brought *Dr.* Lewis and the foundation Committee the *final* papers of the preparation for the great work and the *'Jewel of Authority,'* a *rare* official emblem, and *valuable* treasures from the archives of the *Oriental* headquarters." (Italics are ours.) It is strange that a Legate from India would be a messenger from Europe, but then the story is a little mixed up, so let it go at that. "During her stay in America she acted as the first Maitre of the Order," but her trip to America was a fleeting one, and she did not tarry long—at least not long enough for anyone to see her except Mr. Lewis, who saw her only in his wonderful imagination—(79). In his statement in *The Light of Egypt,* issued in July, 1928, his myth and artifice became one of the outstanding characters in his organization. She became a descendant of the D'Arcys of France, related to the nobility of England and a high initiate of the oldest Rosicrucian organization of London and Paris and of the Order in India, and he appointed her "an American Legate of the Indian Jurisdiction." By 1928 his myth had grown wonderfully in Rosicrucian stature and importance—(80). In his revised "Complete History of the Rosicrucian Order," second edition, 1932, his convenient, often-appearing and much traveled myth, then a "Legate of the Rosicrucian Order in India," applied for membership in one of his Rosicrucian societies "just before 1909." She encouraged him to follow his urge, and he went to France in 1909 looking for the Rosicrucian Order to carry out his "unselfish aims"—(81). While in France he was "instructed to arrange to hold preliminary foundation meetings for the purpose of organizing a secret group of workers who would receive further instructions from the Legates of the Order in India and Switzerland." That is strange, too, that the Grand Lodge of France should have "Legates" or representatives from other jurisdictions give instructions on its behalf. Well, it did not happen, so let it go at that. On his return from France in 1909 his myth, "the Legate from India," presented him with "the jewels and papers which had been preserved from the early American foundation—(82). This, notwithstanding that in quotation (81) he stated he had made contact with these alleged manuscripts through one of his relatives, "one of the descendants of the first Rosicrucian body in America." Perhaps the "Legate" got them

from the relative and gave them to him—who knows? And then he was greatly surprised to learn that his myth—"The Legate from India"—had been instructed to nominate him as the chief executive of his own fabrication at the first meeting of the self-constituted Council thereof—(83). Finally, in the last quotation heretofore set forth (92), he founded his fabrication upon *"further* authority" that he did not possess and on "Jewels and Keys of Authority" possessed by the "Legate from India," and she became the first Grand Maitre and "Dr." Lewis became the Supreme Grand Master of his fabrication "for the decreed revival of the work in America."

Lewis Calls a Witness

His Witness Contradicts Him

As we have learned from the various quoted statements of Mr. Lewis and as shown in the quotation to follow immediately, Mr. Thor Kiimalehto was closely associated with him as his good "man Friday" and willing confederate in the organization of his fraternal swindle. But they disagreed, and Brother Kiimalehto, like all of his early members and close associates, deserted him and withdrew from his spurious R. C. Order. For a number of years they were not on speaking terms. However, Mr. Lewis needed a living witness to testify to his spurious Rosicrucian authority and false claims. Having contradicted his own statements and by his own testimony having shown that they were false, he was in great need of a "living witness"—an *eyewitness*—"a man who was there when it happened"—to sustain his false story and to "prove" that it was "all true" despite its apparent falseness. So he made his peace with his former confederate and made him Grand Councilor and Inspector-General of the New York District of "the Order." Then he called on him to testify before the Convention of 1934 as to the *first* interview between himself and May Banks-Stacey, to which interview his very willing witness was the *only* "living witness." In his report of the 1934 convention he gives an account of Mr. Kiimalehto's remarkable testimony, as follows:

> "Frater Kiimalehto outlined very carefully and with much amusing and impressive detail the early trials and tribulations encountered in forming the first Council and advisory board of the Order

in its present cycle, between the years 1909 and 1916, and then of the creation of the first lodges and the establishment of the work generally throughout the country. He was the first Grand Master of the Order under the present regime and the first Supreme Secretary and later became the Grand Master of the New York Grand Lodge.

"He especially dealt at great length on the incidents relating to the *time when he and the Imperator* called upon the late May Banks-Stacey *at her request in 1916* when she *duly notified* the Imperator that *although he did not know her* he was to come to her and receive officially from her certain documents, papers of authority, jewels, and other matters which had been promised him at the time of his *authorization* in France in 1909, and which she had been delegated by the *Rosicrucian organization in India* to present to him in the *year 1916*.

"Frater Kiimalehto explained that *first* interview with Mrs. Stacey in great detail and repeated in many different ways the fact that *he is today the only living witness* to the conversation that passed between Mrs. Stacey and the Imperator and the acts that occurred at the time. He stated that he could testify to the *accurateness* of those facts as outlined in the AMORC official history [!] of the foundation of the present cycle of the Order in North America and to other references which would be found in the Rosicrucian Manual [!!] and magazine articles [!!!] and he stated that *regardless* of his present or future connections with the Order or anything that might occur in his life, *he would ever remain a faithful witness* to the occurrences on that occasion and *pledge his life* to the guarantee of the correctness of the report of *those incidents* as a *disinterested* [?] party." *(Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1934, p. 305. Italics are ours.)

A Most Willing Witness

Altogether Too Willing and Enthusiastic!

We have seen that, according to Mr. Lewis' contradictory statements just reviewed, that he first met the myth-lady at or prior to 1909, at which time she advised him to go to France to find the "unknown" Rose Cross and for his authority; also, that she delivered to him many whatnots, trinkets, seals, jewels and papers in 1914 and 1915, and that she nominated him for the Grand Mastership of his own fabrication on April 1, 1915. Now, he calls the *only* "living witness" to the first interview between himself and the

myth-lady, in "the Grand Old Lady" hoax, and proves by him that he did *not* meet Mrs. Stacey *until* 1916; that, "although he *did not know her,* he was to come to her and receive officially from her" *in 1916* "certain documents, papers of authority, jewels and other matters which had been promised at the time of his authorization in France in 1909," and that these were presented to him by the delegate from India in the *year 1916.* Moreover, the most obliging and enthusiastic witness, as a "disinterested party," *pledges his life* to guarantee the correctness of his testimony and will ever remain a *faithful witness* to the fact that *it was in 1916* that Mr. Lewis met Mrs. Stacey—*not in 1909*—and that *it was in 1916* when she delivered to the Imperator the "documents, papers of authority, jewels and other matters" and *not in 1914 or 1915.* Thus it is that he calls his own witness, "the only living witness," and proves by him that every statement which he himself has made upon the same subject is *absolutely false!*

Ah, but it is a strange and awful story when it is all patched together, and even though it is inconsistent and some parts of it cannot be reconciled with other parts, the myth of the Legate from India was and is an artifice to promote and perpetuate his fraudulent R. C. Order.

The Secret Heritage

Cunning Misrepresentation by Implication

Without question and beyond all doubt, the most cunningly designed and ingeniously executed artifice and device used by him during his years of fraternal racketeering for the promotion and perpetration of his fraudulent Rose Cross Order is his propaganda "sealed" booklet,[6] *The Secret Heritage,* issued in 1935 and now circulating currently by the thousands by means of high-pressure, fascinating, intriguing and alluring advertisements appearing constantly and seemingly in endless numbers and variety in the daily, weekly and monthly papers and magazines in every city and every state of these United States. These far-flung and widespread ad-

[6] Several of his propaganda booklets have been issued as "sealed books". It is one of his many cunning tricks. It is bait for the curious and the gullible by which they are drawn into his net and become supporting members of his family racket, contributing to the "Royal Revenues" thereof. See Chapter VI.

vertisements urgently invite anyone—*everyone* and ANYBODY—to write for this *"New Private Book"* or this wonderful "Sealed *Book,"* which will change the course of their lives and start them on the road to affluence, power, health and wealth. But, of course, this marvelous, private, sealed book is only "loaned" to make it all the more intriguing to the prospective victim.

This "private" and "sealed" public promotional propaganda daily flowing through the mails to the American public, aside from its many ingenious features, is an artifice of fraud de luxe and par excellence in this: that he simply *assumes* that his fabrication *is* the *Rosicrucian Brotherhood* in this country. There is no mention of his Rosicrucian authority—no claim as to the authenticity of his racket—which has been so prominent in his former promotional literature. The only thing in the entire booklet touching upon the subject of authenticity is the FUDOSI certificate at the back of the booklet, shown in our Reproduction No. 52 (p. 526, *supra*) and discussed in Part Four of Chapter IV, *supra*. By this he implies authenticity without directly asserting it.

Based upon the false and fraudulent assumption—boldly and willfully made—that his organization *is the Rosicrucian Brotherhood* and that the victims and paying members thereof are "The Rosicrucians," practically every statement in the entire booklet is an implied misrepresentation. It is cunning, sinister fraud by implication and allusion. Filled with graphic accounts of the lost continents of Atlantis and Lemuria; with the wonders of Egyptian and more ancient civilizations; with the strange wisdom and powers of the Rosicrucians; telling in mournful numbers of the lost estate of man—suggesting that it may be regained by joining his project; claiming the guidance of the Great White Brotherhood; describing the most unusual benefits to be derived from membership in his racket—urging the ease by which all things, power and wisdom may be had under his guidance and the simple lessons at a cost so small and with the romantic suggestions of mysteries and power and wisdom contained therein, to be had for the mere asking and a few paltry cents, he has spread a nation-wide net for the unwary who yield to his insidious devices and become the deluded victims who pay the initiation fees and monthly dues that constitute the "Royal Revenues" of his Hierarchy of Fraud. Therefore, by these, the most cunning and dangerous artifices of fraud, he is *now* dis-

tributing his pseudo-occult and mystic merchandise to the uninformed, curious, gullible, credulous and unwary all over this fair land. With this and other fraudulent devices and artifices described herein, he has built a million-dollar fraternal swindle in the name of brotherly love and the Rosy Cross.

It Is—and It Is Not a School

Such Glaring Inconsistencies Are Badges of Fraud

In this last promotional booklet, now flooding the mail and delivered to any and all who request a copy in response to said widespread and persuasive advertisement, the following propaganda is typical of the entire contents of the booklet, *viz.:*

> (93) "* * * Those who feel the ambition to rise out of the commonplace position in life, and those who feel the urge to make a success of their careers, and to assist civilization in its onward march, are welcomed into the Brotherhood as the type of individual deserving of its assistance and qualified to carry on the secret heritage of the past.
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> "The Rosicrucian Brotherhood has been, through all the ages since the beginning of the *secret schools,* the most devoted and most sincere channel for the development of man's achievement to the highest stations of life. As one of the *secret schools*[7] teaching consistently and in elaborate courses of personal guidance, it has been the foremost of all the brotherhood organizations among men." *(The Secret Heritage,* p. 13. The italics are ours.)

Thus by inference he implies that his fabrication is a *secret school.* The implication he would make is altogether false, but the statement that the Rosicrucian Brotherhood is a secret school is true. It is one of the *great secret schools* of individual training, spiritual attainment, soul development and of self-initiation into the realms of higher consciousness. To that extent he is seeking to imitate and to make his spurious Order a better imitation of the authentic Order. However, it was not always thus. His conten-

[7] In quotation (49) he refers to his fabrication as *"this* great School." On page 31 of the October issue 1929 of the *Rosicrucian* Forum, a publication of AMORC (for Members only), he suggests to his members that they should "Remember when speaking to those who are not members, but who *may* be seeking for the light, to give *emphasis* to the *fact* that the Rosicrucian Fraternity is not only a *school,* a college, but a world-wide Fraternity", etc.

tion that his fabrication is a *school* is of comparative recent origin in his mind and his propaganda. In his official organ[8] in April, 1916, he ridiculed the idea and took us to serious task for asserting and maintaining that the Rosicrucian Fraternity is a *School of Spirituality* and asserted in contradiction thereto that the true Rose Cross Order[9] is a *"Lodge"* and, therefore, *not* a school.

In the May issue, 1916, of his said official organ, in reply to certain letters raising the question as to whether his fabrication or another or other Rosicrucian organizations is the authentic organization in America, he says:

> (94) "A comparison of the two foregoing letters shows a similar purpose in each—an attempt to prove the genuineness of another movement and the opposite of the AMORC. If one of the above letters makes good its plea, the other must fail. *Who can decide which of the above organizations is truly the legitimate Order R. C.?* All that I will say in this respect is this: join that which will help you most, but remember that there is only one organization in America which is NOT A SCHOOL, not a society, not a *publishing firm* and not a *branch* of any other plan to propagate the sale of books or lessons. That organization calls itself an ORDER, has LODGES, and gives its teachings *only in closed, well-tiled temples.*[1] It is the 'Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis' sponsored [only sponsored] by the Supreme Grand Lodge of France, permitted [only permitted] by the Supreme Council of the World and endowed with the 'work', teachings, signs[2] and fraternal communion of the Rosaecrucian *masters* of the World. I am its Imperator in America, as proven by well-established papers known to many, and by the story[3] told in this very issue of 'A Pilgrim's

[8] The American Rosae Crucis, April 1916, p. 13.

[9] We make no distinction between the terms: Rose Cross Order, Rosicrucian Fraternity, Temple of the Rosy Cross, Rosicrucian Brotherhood, etc. They are simply different designations for the same order, fraternity or brotherhood. See Book Four, Volume I, and especially page 208 thereof.

[1] Here again we are impressed with the fact that it was his original idea and plan to design his fabrication after the Masonic system of lodges, with a symbolical initiation and temple lectures and to operate it under a Rosicrucian appellation.

[2] Unlike the Masons and other secret fraternal organizations, the Rosicrucians do not depend on signs of recognition.

[3] We have examined the "paper" and reviewed the "story" of "A Pilgrim's Journey to the East" and we have found no proof that he is the Imperator of an authentic Rosicrucian organization. However, his *proof* does establish that he is a *self-constituted* "Imperator" of a spurious and fraudulent so-called Rose Cross Order.

Journey to the East.' H. SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C. 12° France." (*American Rosae Crucis,* May 1916, p. 32. The italics are ours, the capitals are his.)

Here by his question: Who can decide which is truly the legitimate Order R. C. and the general tenor and soft-pedaled tempo of his statement, he leaves the impression that there might be some doubt as to the authenticity of his fabrication. It was only a moment of weakness. At all other times he has been bold and unequivocal in his assertions that it is the *only* authentic Rose Cross organization in America. However, it is always in their moments of weakness that fraudulent promoters betray themselves and reveal the truth of their nefarious schemes.

Therefore, it doth appear from his own statements that his fabrication *is* and *is not a secret school.* Which of his contradictory positions and claims are correct? And what do such wholly inconsistent claims prove? They *prove* many things—the least that can be said of them is that they are *Badges of Fraud.*

Deceiving and Keeping Them Deceived

Uses Members to Promote and Defend His Racket

Not alone does he issue his false promotional propaganda to the public to deceive them and to secure paying and supporting victims to provide the financial support of his family and his son's family, the livelihood of himself and his son and the revenues for the carrying on and the perpetuation of his fraternal swindle, but he continues the same false propaganda in the lectures which he mails out weekly to his members at $2.00 per month, so as to keep them deceived and to use them to secure additional supporting members for his nefarious enterprise and to make them defenders of his fraternal racketeering.

In a series of mimeographed lectures entitled "Master Monograph" on the cover, and "Temple Monograph" in the heading of each lecture, we find him discussing the Rosicrucian authority and authenticity of his fabrication and defending the manner in which he has operated it, as follows:

(95) "Beloved Members, Greetings!

"The next important point that I want to take up *in detail* is in

regard to the activities of the present, outer, visible organization and your relationship to it, and why it carries on its work in the way it does.

"Keeping in mind that there are practically two branches of the Rosicrucian organization, the *real invisible fraternity* and the *outer visible brotherhood,*[4] and keeping in mind that the invisible one is the real controller and director of the visible one, you will see at once that there are many complications and problems to be solved in attempting to maintain a nation-wide visible *brotherhood* along *material* lines.

"Now this brings me to the one important point that I think each one of you should have clearly fixed in your mind before you proceed much further. This point deals with the *origin* and *authenticity* of the *present AMORC.* I am not going to take time and space to tell you *good members* about the *documents* and *charters,* legal papers and *papers of authority* which are in our possession, proving [!] the *genuineness* of the AMORC. If we *didn't have any single piece of paper* of this kind *we would still be able to prove that the AMORC is the genuine Rosicrucian Order.* It appears that in several court inquiries instituted by us we *have had* our *documents* and *papers, charters* and *other incontestable proofs ready for examination,* and at our various National conventions at Headquarters *hundreds of delegates* have examined these things, and *many committees voluntarily organized* to examine our documents of authority have looked at them and have *returned a report stating that the AMORC possesses incontestable proof of its official origin and genuineness.* But aside from these papers, there are several factors which prove that the AMORC is the outer, visible organization of the inner, invisible one." *(Temple Monograph,* Eleventh Grade, No. 29, p. 1. The italics are ours.)

Incontestable Proof (!) of Genuineness

Since the reader is now familiar with the many strange, unique, inconsistent and contradictory false representations that he has made and the worthless "proof" that he has offered to show the *"origin"* and *"authenticity of the present AMORC,"* comment on

[4] In a recent court proceeding he testified that the Lewis family is the "Order" that is the real inner invisible fraternity and the paying members constitute the "Brotherhood"—the outer visible Brotherhood, who supply the "Royal Revenues" for the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering. See Chapter VI, where these matters will be discussed at length.

the foregoing statement may be useful only in emphasizing that which is *so obvious,* to wit: That his "Incontestable Proof of Genuineness" is an *artifice and a device of fraud;* that his *proof,* when carefully examined, compared and analyzed, *proves that his* AMORC is a *fraudulent scheme* and that it is a BOLDLY OPERATED FRATERNAL SWINDLE IN OPEN DEFIANCE OF THE LAW OF THE LAND.

In Chapter IV we examined his "important documents" and "charters," and in this chapter we have examined other "papers, charters, jewels, seals, insignia and keys of authority," together with his false representations concerning the same. We have weighed them in the balances and found them wanting—found them to be snares and delusions—*Artifices and Devices of Fraud.*

Note carefully his *tricky* statement: "It appears that in *several* court inquiries instituted by us we have had our documents and papers, charters and other incontestable proofs ready for examination." This is a typical subterfuge and artifice continually used in the promotion of his fraudulent scheme. The statement and every inference it is intended to carry are false. It was willfully made to deceive. He has consistently refused to submit his claims and documentary proof thereof to competent and impartial investigation.[5]

The only court proceedings which he has instituted in which the question of his authority and the genuineness of his fabrication were considered was the case of AMORC *vs.* George L. Smith, which we considered in Chapter I, *supra,* which cost him *fifteen thousand dollars to* SUPPRESS THE TRUTH. He did not produce or offer to produce any documents or charters proving his Rosicrucian authority or authenticity. No court has ever examined his so-called "charters" and "proof" of authority and authenticity. He dare not submit it to a real test. The reason is apparent—it will not stand such a test. In said case, when asked for his credentials, he said, "We have papers of recognition, Charters, Certificates of foreign jurisdictions, especially from the Sovereign Sanctuary of the Order in Switzerland";[6] that he had a Ph.D. from India and Belgium;

[5] See Book Three, Volume I, pp. 131 to 171 inclusive.

[6] This refers to his "Important Rosicrucian Document No. 4" which we examined in Part One of Chapter IV and found to be a certificate of honorary membership in a Masonic Order and not a Rosicrucian charter.

that he had been given a special reception and honorary membership in the French organization and made a Legate thereof. That he was special Legate of several organizations and had been recognized through honorary membership in Europe and down in Egypt. This was the extent of his "proof" of Rosicrucian authority and authenticity[7] when he had an opportunity to produce the proof.

Throughout this volume we have been exposing the manner and detestable methods by which he has deceived his "voluntary committees," and the reader is able to appraise the value of the reports of such committees on the "incontestable proof" of the "official origin and genuineness" of his fraudulent scheme and fraternal swindle.

Continuing with his "Temple Monograph," let us consider his "proof" aside from his "papers" that the AMORC—the Brotherhood to which the members belong—is the outer visible organization of the inner, invisible Order—which is the Lewis Hierarchy. His Monograph of misrepresentations continues as follows:

His "Other Proof"

(96) "In the first place, the Rosicrucian organization has been known to thousands of persons for many, many years. *Away back* in 1902 and 1903 and thereafter, I was thoroughly familiar with the fact that the *Rosicrucians had once existed and* that they had *wonderful teachings,* and that their teachings had been *carefully preserved* somewhere. I wasn't the only person in New York City who knew those facts, and at the great *public library* in New York there were *many books* at that time which *referred* to the Rosicrucians and their history and *great work,* and occasionally there was a magazine article referring to them. I remember very well that I was in contact with hundreds of men and women who were investigating psychic laws and studying New Thought principles,[8] who

[7] His testimony is quoted on pages 408 and 409, *supra.* It will be interesting to turn back and re-read it in this connection. Weigh it and compare it with his *tricky* statement about having his proof "ready for examination". Certainly, it is *just a subterfuge!*

[8] The statement that he was in touch with so many people interested in psychic laws is no doubt greatly exaggerated. The nature of his investigations is revealed in his article set forth in part in "Exhibit No. 11" at page 27 of *White Book D.* A portion of his so-called Rosicrucian teachings are "New Thought" teachings; that is, new ideas of his own, entirely foreign to Rosicrucianism.

> constantly heard the Rosicrucians mentioned. All of us believed that the Organization *still existed* somewhere, but we *could not discover* how to *get in touch with it.* Now it seems that there must be some reason why any one individual in America should be drawn toward the Rosicrucian organization and eventually announce that he was appointed to establish its activities once again on the American continent. If anyone could do this sort of thing, like some of our enemies say, and if it was merely a matter of making up your mind that you would start a Rosicrucian organization of your own without any authority or help, or training from official sources, how is it that for years thousands of people in America were waiting and looking for the Rosicrucian Order, yet no one started it." *(Id.,* pp. 1-2. The italics are ours.)

He did the very thing against which he argues. He simply made up his mind to start a Rosicrucian Order of his own without any authority, help or official training. The information he possessed, obtained from books in the New York Public Library, was entirely insufficient to enable him to correctly imitate and fabricate a Rosicrucian Order. Therefore, he made many mistakes[9] and a terrible mess of it, which necessitated many changes and revisions from time to time, as we have seen.

That he was searching vainly for the R. C. Order that he might "establish its activities once again on the American continent" is highly falsified propaganda to avoid the facts well known to him at the time when he launched his fraudulent fabrication. He knew full well that the Rosicrucian Order as established by Dr. P. B. Randolph in 1858 *existed* and was *functioning* in America at all times mentioned.[1]

Following the above quoted statement he admits that there were Rosicrucian organizations in America by making reference first to the Max Heindel organization, founded in 1909, operated under the name of "The Rosicrucian Fellowship," but which never claimed to have Rosicrucian authority or that it was working under a Rosicrucian charter. Second, to the Randolph Foundation of the authentic Rosicrucian Order in America, which he says was only a publisher of books, claimed to be Rosicrucian, and had established no "lodges" such as he has established. He also says

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[9] See quotations (24) and (25) for his admission of mistakes. Other of his glaring mistakes appear and have been indicated throughout the text of this work.

[1] See quotation (9) and Volume I, pp. 209, *et seq.*

that its headquarters are located in a *farmhouse*[2] and for said reasons could not be the authentic order.

This, then, is the first phase of his other "proof" of the genuineness of his fabrication. As to the next phase of this wonderful and most convincing "proof", he argues:

It Is, Therefore, Genuine

It Glitters, Therefore It Must Be Gold

(97) "How is it, then, that one individual like myself should suddenly come forward and announce that he is going to establish the *true* Rosicrucian Order and *create lodges* and maintain them, and carry on the work with a constant growth, and constant *increase of power,* without any interruption [!] and without any interference of any kind? Naturally, *if there is a genuine organization of the Rosicrucians* ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, visible or invisible, *such an organization would not permit some individual to create a false organization here in America,* and establish lodges and claim connection with the genuine organization. The *genuine organization would see to it that his work failed, that he was stopped in his misleading activities and prevented from defrauding anyone.* If there is no genuine invisible or visible organization anywhere in the world that can stop pretenders and wrongdoers from establishing lodges all over the country, *then whoever would start one in America would be the only and exclusive Rosicrucian organization in the world,*[3] and *would have a right to do as he pleased.* Therefore, either way you look at it, the fact that AMORC started and established real lodges and has done its utmost to spread the light, and has continued to grow for twenty years without any interferences, without any scandal, without being stopped in any of its activities, is sufficient proof [?] that it is either sponsored by the true, invisible organization, *or there is no invisible or other organization of any kind except* the AMORC here in America.

"But the genuineness of our work lies in the results we are producing. Good cannot come out of evil except as it evolves. You cannot take a fraudulent, scheming, evil plan and carry it on and

[2] See Chapter III, pp. 163 to 165. His "Exhibit No. 2", p. 130, and our Exhibits A to M, pp. 195 to 206, *supra.*

[3] This is the theory upon which he proceeded when he announced himself "Imperator-Rex" of the World as set forth in quotation (70). But it was a fallacious theory. He merely announced himself Imperator and King of his own fabrication and fraudulent creation.

> yet have it produce good fruit. The whole history and entire records of AMORC in the United States since I established its first meetings in 1909 are absolutely clean and approved by every member who has been in the organization long enough to understand it. This is the important thing for each one of you to keep in mind." *(Id.,* p. 2. The italics are ours.)

We have seen how one individual like Mr. Lewis did suddenly come forward and announce that he was going to *establish* and "re-establish" the true R. C. Order in America, and it should now be perfectly apparent and obvious to the reader how and why he established a spurious fabrication, which he willfully and fraudulently represents to be the authentic and genuine order.

The gist of his fallacious argument or subterfuge is that his spurious order has existed for several years without interference. Therefore, it is genuine. That, because it has existed for 20 years without being stopped by the *genuine* Rosicrucian organization, therefore his fabrication is *genuine* and could not possibly be a *fraud.* It will be remembered that Thomson carried on his notorious Masonic Fraud for more than 20 years, notwithstanding that the Masonic Fraternity was well organized in every state in the United States. Besides there have been, from time to time, clandestine, spurious, and fraudulent Rosicrucian organizations in other lands. Eventually they died of their own iniquities; in the meantime they claimed their victims. Authentic orders and fraternities *cannot prevent*—cannot stop—pretenders and racketeers from committing fraud in their names. This is *exclusively a governmental function.* The genuine organization can expose and warn, but cunning pretenders and sophists succeed in peddling their fraudulent wares to the gullible and unwary by cunning artifices, fallacious arguments such as this one under consideration, and continue to claim and hoodwink their victims despite all warnings and exposures. For twenty years Thomson's Masonic Fraud was *exposed* by a nation-wide organization of Masons and the public was *duly* warned, but Thomson was not stopped *until the strong-arm of the United States Government stopped him.*

Defends His Fraud

Says It Produces Good Fruits

For the past twenty years we have been warning the public that

the AMORC is not the real Rosicrucian Order, that it has nothing to do with the authentic Fraternity and Brotherhood and have been exposing it as a delusion and a fraud. During the same time many members who had been in his racket long enough to understand it and its officers, from Alfred H. Saunders, editor of his official organ in 1916, down to A. Leon Batchelor, Grand Treasurer in 1935, have been exposing and denouncing his so-called fraternal project as a swindle and a family racket.

Conscious of the fact that it is a spurious Rosicrucian Order; realizing that he has no right to carry on his fraternal racket in the name of this holy Order; knowing full well that he has no real Rosicrucian authority; that he cannot produce a Rosicrucian charter or a scintilla of real proof of the genuineness of his fabrication, he resorts to the artifices of a sophist and argues that it has existed for twenty years, that it has grown in numbers and that no one has stopped him. Therefore, he says it must be the real thing.

He flaunts before his beguiled members and his prospective victims the monstrosity which he has fabricated and produced in the holy name of the Rose Cross and the sacred Brotherhood of the Rosicrucians and says: *This is good;* it has *produced the results*—but, *really,* WHAT KIND OF RESULTS? This exposé is an answer to this question.

He points with pride to the "great" headquarters he has built in California, consisting of thirteen gaudy, conspicuous buildings in Egyptian style—which is *"the institution behind the advertisement."*[4] Of this financial—worldly—success achieved by questionable and detestable methods, he says: *This is very good.* See, it *has produced very fine results,* but VERY FINE RESULTS FOR WHOM —THE DELUDED PAYING MEMBERS OR THE LEWIS FAMILY? We shall answer this question in Chapter VI.

And then, finally, he resorts to the last and final sophisticated argument, beguiling subterfuge and blinding artifice of fraudulent promotion—which upon its face is a *Badge of Fraud*—and says: "You cannot take a fraudulent, scheming, evil plan and carry it on and yet have it produce good fruit." But what is the proof which

[4] In his promotional literature and on his letterheads he has a picture of his headquarters which he advertises as the "Institution behind the advertisement." He has also issued propaganda booklets with pictures of the institution which fraud has built.

he offers to show that the fraudulent fruit is good? Here it is: He says that "the whole history and the entire record of AMORC in the United States since I established its first meetings in 1909 are absolutely clean and approved by every member who has been in the organization long enough to understand it." *Remarkable proof!* If the statement *were true,* it *would not prove* the genuineness thereof. But the statement is *not true.* He did not hold its first meetings in 1909,[5] and every member and officer who has *really understood* the true nature of his fabrication and who has not been eating the fraudulent fruits with the Lewis Hierarchy has denounced it as a delusion and a fraud. Moreover, its records are *not clean.* Its entire record, as disclosed and exposed herein, shows it to be a fraudulent scheme of fraternal exploitation in the name of brotherly love to provide the livelihood and financial support of the Lewis families and their assistants and cohorts.

The Secret of the Success of Fraud

That Built "The Institution Behind the Advertisement"

Although such direct, high-pressure, bombastic far-flung advertising is contrary to the fundamental precepts of Rosicrucianism and is within itself sufficient evidence to prove that his so-called Rosicrucian business-like enterprise is spurious—a delusion and a fraud—yet, nevertheless, it is the secret of his success. Therefore, in his lecture to his members, as he has often explained to the public, we find him defending and explaining the necessity for bombastic and widespread advertising, as follows:

> (98) "I know that some of our very conservative and dignified members have occasionally criticized some of our advertising. They think that our propaganda is becoming a little *too bombastic.* They say that when we first started our advertising our literature was more conservative and not so widespread. Now all of this is true. In the early days we put *only small* advertisements in *one* or *two* magazines,[6] and I think our records show that we received more answers

[5] See quotation (27) where he says the preliminary meetings were held on February 8, 1915, and quotation (25) where he says that the attempted meeting on December 15, 1913, was a "great mistake." Of course, he has since made contradictory statements. But the contradiction of his own statements makes them unworthy of belief.

[6] As early as 1916 we find him defending the secret of his success. Then as now

from those two or three small advertisements than we receive today from the *150 advertisements* that we put in *150 different magazines and newspapers each month.* But there is this great difference. Today we find each and every magazine crowded with advertisements of lectures, teachers, and schools offering their courses of study in a very bombastic and circus advertising style. Each one of these organizations and teachers and leaders makes more noise than a circus band, and if we, too, put our same old small advertisements in our magazines today, with all of the noise of advertising around us, *we would be absolutely lost* and no one would see the advertisement. So long as the outer organization of AMORC has to carry on the outer worldly activities and be a physical, material organization, *it has got to operate like any physical, material business,* so to speak. Any dry goods store or shoe store, candy store, or hardware store in any place in America today that advertises only in a small way while its competitors advertise in a big way is sure to soon pass out of existence. In the march of progress, every successful and growing organization or business proposition must keep pace with its com-

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his conservative and thoughtful members condemned his methods of plausible misrepresentation and ballyhoo advertising. In an article in *The American Rosae Crucis,* October 1916, pp. 19 to 21, he lauds and justifies the methods of P. T. Barnum, who was seeking to fleece the "sucker born every minute." Following in the footsteps of the "Great Barnum," we find him justifying his own methods of appealing to men through their desires and love of profound mystery, and other bombastic and ballyhoo methods. In the *Rosicrucian Forum,* June 1930, Issue Number Five, p. 147, under the heading of "A Foolish Procedure," we find him discussing the depression and how it has affected "our business" and justifying his methods of advertising. As a matter of fact by wide advertising, appealing to men and women in financial distress and with the suggestion of how they could better their conditions he greatly increased his income and some of the depression years were his best years.

In the Mystic Triangle, May 1928, pp. 248 to 250, in "An Address by the Imperator to some Brothers" on *"Wrong Business Methods"* he advised very emphatically against unconscious and exaggerated misrepresentations, supporting doubtful claims and encouraging risky impulses and against suppressing investigations and taking advantage of situations. He tells "some brothers" that Rosicrucianism teaches the highest ethics in business and advises them to eliminate all questionable methods from their daily lives and business affairs. Compare this with his article on Fraud and Hypocrisy in the *Rosicrucian Digest,* November 1932, pp. 364 to 368, referred to and quoted from in the text. See quotations (99) and (100).

In the *Rosicrucian Digest,* September 1933, under the title of "The New Rosicrucian Cycle," he again explains and attempts to justify the business methods of his fraternal racket. We regret that we do not have the space to reproduce these articles in full, since they contain a very different set of business ideals for the Lewis Hierarchy and those which he advises for the good paying brothers who support the hierarchy.

petitors. The *seeker must have his attention attracted* and that is what we are trying to do with our propaganda." *(Id.,* p. 3. The italics are ours.)

Yes, "The seeker must have his attention attracted" and the gullible and unwary victims must be reached by widespread and far-flung, capricious, alluring and bewitching advertisements. To this end misleading advertisements are continuously inserted in 150 or more magazines and newspapers, and tons of false propaganda are sent through the mails to every city, village and hamlet throughout the land. Such advertising—such as no Rosicrucian would use—is the secret of his success. With misleading advertisements and false propaganda flooding the country, he has built *"The Institution Back of the Advertisement,"* which is the Lewis Hierarchy of Fraternal Fraud, trafficking in weakness as well as the higher aspirations of mankind and exploiting brotherly love.

In his official organ, *The Rosicrucian Digest,* November, 1932, pages 364 to 368, he says in an article entitled:

Hypocrisy and Fraud

By the Imperator

At a time when careful and more discriminating publishers were censoring or refusing to publish his advertisements, he said:

> (99) "They will censor the advertisements of those who are clamoring to get into their pages in order to publicize their business and they will tell them that there is not a single word of misrepresentation, or an implied thought of misrepresentation, or an illustration that is not wholly truthful, or a possibility of misunderstanding through the reading of the advertisements, and that these things must be eliminated or changed before the advertisement can appear in their publication. These editors will censorially appear so pious and so honest and straight-laced that you would think anything of a hypocritical and fraudulent nature could never live in their consciousness. Yet, if we examine closely into the departments and business methods of these magazines and newspapers, we will see that they are wilfully and deliberately misrepresenting many facts and taking advantage of phrases with double meanings and words with ambiguous interpretations in order to deceive the public or fool their readers." *(Rosicrucian Digest,* November 1932, p. 364.)

In this article he alleges that hypocrisy and fraud invade our churches and school system and practically exist in every business in the land. Then he says:

> (100) "I am not trying to say that this [hypocrisy and fraud] is limited to a few of the activities in our present day life, nor to all. There are honest organizations and honest individuals who have carefully and at great expense eliminated every possibility of hypocrisy and deception from their business and daily lives. *A great many of these firms and individuals are doing very little business because of their great honesty.* The point I wish to make is that we have become so used to hypocrisy that we would feel lost without it.
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> "If we turned to our newspapers and magazines and never saw the words biggest, greatest, finest, longest, most endurable, cheapest, healthiest, etc., we would wonder what had happened to the vocabulary of the English language. *We like exaggerations and gross misrepresentations.* We were always fond of the bombastic advertisements of the circus men. Everything must be 'the greatest show on earth'. Every exhibit must be 'the only one in captivity'." *(Id.,* p. 367. The italics are ours.)

In closing the article he seems to think that the rising generation of young people is less hypocritical and less fraudulent and will save the day with frankness and honesty. The closing paragraph of his article reads: *"Hypocrisy and fraud have had their day, and the dawn of tomorrow is filled with truthfulness and honesty."* Perhaps so—let us hope so—but not yet, for the "Imperator" and his Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering. He still continues his misleading nation-wide advertising campaign and still floods the country with tons of false propaganda literature to promote and perpetuate a fraudulent Rosicrucian organization now operated as a family racket.

In the statement just reviewed we have the defense of the necessity for bombastic advertising in the name of the Rosicrucians, *who do not so advertise* and *proselyte,* to promote and to perpetuate a fraudulent Rosicrucian organization in which the inconsistent promoter thereof declares that "hypocrisy and fraud have had their day," but continues to fraudulently promote his family enterprise with misleading, bombastic, far-flung advertising and with tons of false promotional literature mailed out daily in his nation-wide campaign of fraternal racketeering.

The Invisible Organization

Its Methods and Deluded Workers

Let us return to the Temple Monograph for further instructions. Continuing in his lecture to the members of "the invisible organization," who are workers in the "outer organization, as well as in the inner organization," and defenders of the hierarchy and its methods, he says:

> (101) "The invisible organization of which you are now a member does not need any advertising or any propaganda because it will always derive its members from the selected ones in the outer organization.[7] But this outer organization has no place to draw its members from except from the mass of seeking minds, most of which do not know exactly what it is that is being sought. Seventy-five percent of the persons who write to us for copies of the "Wisdom of the Sages" or our literature, after reading our advertisement, frankly state that they are seeking for something in life, but they cannot name it or describe it.[8] They hope that the Rosicrucian literature will help them to discover what it is they want. Each month out of from eight to ten thousand copies of the "Wisdom of the Sages" that we mail to inquirers five or six or seven hundred of them become members. The rest of them say that they either cannot afford to become members or they do not know whether the Rosicrucian work is what they want or not. Think of it! Ten Thousand people every month reading advertisements and hoping to find the thing they are looking for, but not sure of what it is they want, and out of the ten thousand, six or seven hundred hope to find it in the Rosicrucian Organization. If we did not advertise in such a way as to attract the attention of these ten thousand persons, we would not get *five or six hundred new members* each month. *If we do not get this many new members, we cannot grow;*[9] we cannot expect in one lifetime to reach

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[7] In this way Lewis hoodwinks and pulls the wool over the eyes of his members. The invisible or inner organization of "the Order" is the Lewis family, as we shall see in Chapter VI. Therefore, none of his members or victims can ever become members of the "inner organization" or the hierarchy.

[8] Here is a frank statement which shows the basis of his sales psychology, the methods of his operation and how he takes advantage of the gullible.

[9] This confirms the statement of his former Grand Treasurer (see Volume I, p. 404) that the turnover in the membership of the AMORC is about 400 per month. That is to say 400 victims each month discover their mistake and drop out. Therefore, he is correct. Unless he can get five or six hundred new victims each month,

enough people to carry on the work.

"You will remember that the same criticism was made of the work done by Jesus.[1] Some of his enemies accused Him of going among publicans and sinners and seeking for followers there instead of holding Himself exclusively for the cultured and the refined persons. We have got to reach all types of minds in order to find the few who are looking for us. After all, it isn't our advertising or our literature that constitutes what we are doing, but the work that we are doing for our members after they join the organization. That is the great work and that is the principal thing to take into consideration.

"*Month* after *month* for the *past ten years* between *eight* and *twelve thousand copies* of the 'Light of Egypt', which is now called the *'Wisdom of the Sages', have been mailed* to people at their homes.[2] That means that hundreds of thousands of copies of the 'Wisdom of the Sages' are somewhere in the homes of persons who wanted it or at least have been read once or twice by many *thousands of people, who will always remember what the name* 'Rosicrucian' *means and what it stands for.*[3] This is preparing the way for the future. It means that gradually more and more persons will know something about the Rosicrucians, and if this continues long enough in a few years we will find the Rosicrucians recognized by their name or by the symbol of their organization in every part of this North American continent.

"You are, therefore, *workers in the outer organization* as well as in the inner organization, and *you should allow no one to criticize the methods that are being used* by the outer organization, for it is like the Salvation Army and its band that goes out and plays on the street corners.[4] The purpose of that band is not to represent the highest spiritual work of the Salvation Army but to go out with a simple, easily understood, human plea and present this plea among the multitudes where the seeker will easily find it, and then after

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his organization cannot grow and his fraternal business will not pay. Hence the extensive and frenzied advertising and "hot-spot" propaganda.

[1] To compare his scheming methods to the work of Jesus is presumptuous, indeed, and a desecration of the name of a Great Master.

[2] This gives an idea of the tons of false promotional literature he has passed through the mails in the last ten or twelve years.

[3] It is most regrettable and unfortunate that many thousands of people will and do associate the name Rosicrucian with the wholly false ideas of Rosicrucianism which his fraudulent propaganda has engendered and left in their minds.

[4] Here he admits that his high-powered proselyting methods are similar to the Salvation Army with its band, but *Rosicrucians do not proselyte.*

having made this contact, bring him back into the fold and give him the spiritual truths that he wants. If we were to judge the Salvation Army only by what we see of it on the street corners or when we see their workers going in and out of drinking places or gambling places, we would say that the Salvation Army was nothing more than a circus band with a lot of persons begging for money. That would be a horrible mistake and an absolute injustice.

"So please *keep these things in mind* and *always be ready to defend* the outer activities as being purely on a material basis, preparing the student for the higher spiritual things.[5] We have to begin with all beginners in the same way, whether they are children just learning to walk and talk, or adults learning to walk on the right Path. With babies and little children we have to attract their attention with music and with noise, and with bright colors and things in which they can quickly find some interest, otherwise we cannot attract them at all. With the public we must deal in the same way regarding our work." (Temple Monograph, Eleventh Grade, No. 29, pp. 3 and 4. The italics are ours.)

Therefore, Let the Reader Judge

In the *hundred and one* quotations from the pen of Mr. Lewis which we have thus far set forth and reviewed in this chapter, as well as in those set forth in preceding chapters and in Volume I, the reader has the "Imperator's" strangely crooked and terribly conflicting story as to the singular nature and fantastic sources of his alleged Rosicrucian authority; the strange manner of the fabrication and the unique, uncertain and changing methods of the organization of his spurious, fraudulent R. C. Order; his promotional methods, artifices and devices and his alleged reasons—or rather the necessity—for the use of bombastic advertising, exaggerated propaganda and false promotional methods that are entirely foreign and contrary to all Rosicrucian ideals, precepts and landmarks. Therefore, the reader is in a position to judge, with the use of a little reason and ordinary common sense, from Mr. Lewis' own statements, of the truth and validity of his claims.

Even though it is not necessary, we regret that space does not permit us to compare or arraign and set in contrast or in deadly

[5] The reader by now should be very well advised as to the nature of the higher spiritual things taught in the Tenth and Eleventh Grades. See Volume I, pp. 286 to 325, and this Volume, pp. 574 to 576, *supra*.

parallels each and all of his conflicting contradictory and irreconcilable false representations, cunning artifices and fabled claims. Truly, they are jumbles in densely netted jungles entwined with poison ivy with impregnable undergrowth of cunning chicanery. When placed side by side, compared and analyzed, they become *Badges of Fraud*—indices—indexing the details of the boldest, wickedest and meanest swindle in the history of occult, mystical or fraternal fraud.

However, at the expense of space in a Volume already too voluminous, with several important matters pressing for consideration and with the hope of not overtaxing the reader's interest to follow through, we shall make a brief summation of the principal conflicts and contradictions in his often-repeated story of *how he received* his alleged Rosicrucian authority—how he fabricated and organized his fraudulent Rosicrucian Order, Fraternity or Brotherhood —and how he fabricated and organized his so-called American Council and his mythical Universal, World and International R. C. Councils.

When "Dr." Lewis Showed His Achillean Heel

Fatal Weakness of His Faked Claims Appeared

The foundation of a Rosicrucian Order, as is true of any fraternal organization, is *due* and *proper* authority *rightfully* exercised. When the "Most Perfect Master Profundis" of fabrication related his fabled tale, in so many wholly irreconcilable versions, of how he became a "Rosicrucian Master" and secured his alleged authority to *"establish"* and then to "re-establish" his spurious R. C. Order in America—and *then throughout the world*—he showed his Achillean heel and revealed that the fatal defect of his fabrication was in its foundation—that it was not founded upon *due* and *proper* Rosicrucian authority *rightfully* exercised.

Remembering that the first of his varying, contradictory and irreconcilable versions of his story were told in 1915 and that stranger, more contradictory and many other impossible versions have been added from year to year to the present time, we shall briefly point out, contrast and analyze a few of his innumerable contradictions which within themselves and upon their face show that his statements are utterly false.

The figures in the parentheses in the text indicate the numbered quotation in this chapter of his statement where the matter referred to and under discussion is to be found. Keep in mind, therefore, that we are discussing *Mr. Lewis' statements* and none other.

Seeking the Hidden R. C. Order

Faking a Rosicrucian Initiation

In August, 1909, he *renewed* his *eighth* annual application for the privilege to *establish* the R. C. Order in America (7). If this were true, then he was in touch with the Rosicrucian Fraternity and knew who its officers were in 1901 or prior thereto. In 1904 he was made a *Fellow* of the *Franco Ecole R. C.* and given the degree of *Doctor of Psychology,* and in 1905 he was made a *"Dignitaire Supreme of the Rosaecrucian Order"* and made a Doctor of Philosophy (15). *If this were true* and *if there were such things* as "Dignitaires Supreme" of the Rosicrucian Order, then he was an *important* Rosicrucian, and "high up" in the Order in 1904 and 1905.

For *several years prior* to 1909 he corresponded with *different* representatives of foreign jurisdictions of the R. C. Order until an investigation could establish that he was worthy to carry out the *"warrants"* which he said he *possessed*—BUT WHICH DID NOT EXIST. Therefore, finally in 1909 he was directed to appear before certain high officials in France and returned from that country with "further authority" (92). Now, *if these statements were true,* he was in close touch with several different high Rosicrucian officials for several years prior to 1909. But, *away back in 1902 and 1903* and *thereafter,* he knew that the Rosicrucian Order had *once existed,* and he believed that it *still existed somewhere,* but he COULD NOT DISCOVER HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH IT (96). And in 1909, in the fictitious story of his journey to the East, he wrote to an "unknown Editor" in Paris, still attempting to discover if the Rosicrucian Order did still exist. He signed his letter with a "particular mark." However, he knew so little about Rosicrucianism and Rosicrucians that he did not know or appreciate its significance—but it got results. Therefore, in 1909 he went to France to *"renew his eighth annual application to establish the R. C. Order in America,"* but at the same time seeking to know a *"Brother of the*

Rosy Croix"—because he wanted to "KNOW IF THE OLD ORDER IS STILL IN EXISTENCE" (17). And because, until 1909, *every means* of communication with *any* officials of the Order in foreign lands HAD BEEN DENIED TO HIM (81).

Three times on different occasions he said he had been in close touch with high officials of the R. C. Order abroad for a number of years prior to 1909 and claimed to be a "Dignitaire Supreme" of the "Rosaecrucian" Order in 1905. Then, contrary thereto, three times at different intervals, he said that every means of communication with any officials of the Order had been denied to him until 1909 when he went to France frantically, *blindly* seeking the Rosicrucian Order to find out if it still existed.

Well, he found it, so he says, existing very *secretly* and *hidden* in France, although he knew that it existed in America in 1909 and had so existed for more than fifty years (9), as established by Dr. Randolph in 1858.[6]

And so, having found, after great difficulty, the *very secret* and overmuch-hidden R. C. Grand Lodge of France, which was so secret and so deeply hidden that it did not exist, he was initiated in said non-existent lodge in a single night between sunset and midnight, crossed the threshold, was "illuminated" and given the name of "Profundis" (37). If the reader is a Rosicrucian, he will know that such an alleged Rosicrucian initiation is an absolute impossibility. Later Mr. Lewis learned that such an alleged initiation was an impossibility. Accordingly, in his revised *"complete"* history in 1930 he materially changed the story of his initiation, as above set forth in his *"complete* and authentic" history of 1916. In the revised and materially changed version he was initiated at a regular meeting of the International Council at Toulouse and at several special sessions of the Order in other cities held in the months following (82). Now, believe it or not, that is his story of how he found the R. C. Order in Toulouse, France, and was initiated therein; and whereas he would have us believe that the most prominent people have been associated with his racket or have examined and approved his alleged Rosicrucian authority, it might be well for "Brother" Ripley or an official investigator to look into this strange and unusual story.

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[6] In this connection see Volume I, pp. 210 to 223, especially pp. 215 and 216.

The Impossibility of His Story Is Prima Facie

The reader and investigator, uninformed as to Rosicrucian affairs, will appreciate the reason why it was necessary for Mr. Lewis to tell such a strange, unbelievable and contradictory story of his "initiation" and "illumination" with an assumed initiate Master's name such as "Profundis," when it is known and understood that authority to institute Rosicrucian Grand Lodges in unoccupied territory is granted *only* and *solely* to initiate Rosicrucian Masters[7] who *know* the Great Work and who are capable of guiding others along the way of initiation to Illumination and Mastership. Therefore, he told the changing crooked story of his alleged initiation as the basis for or as a prerequisite to another changing, crooked, contradictory story of how he acquired the alleged Rosicrucian authority for his spurious R. C. Order, which we now consider.

In his first propaganda booklet issued in 1915 he announced that: "With necessary papers and assistance from the Supreme Council of France, the Order was established in America" (10). If he had been informed as to elementary essentials and the manner in which Rosicrucian authority is granted to establish a Grand Lodge in unoccupied territory, he would never have made that statement, which he has found necessary to often change, supplement and contradict, because it sets forth a Rosicrucian impossibility and is, therefore, absolutely false. The "necessary papers" for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in America was a charter. Only a Supreme Grand Master has the authority to grant charters. Such is the exclusive prerogative of Supreme Grand Masters. Councils of the Supreme Grand Lodge have nothing to do with the granting of charters. Moreover, all Supreme Grand Masters of the Rosicrucian Order abroad knew that America *was occupied territory,* that a Supreme Grand Lodge existed and was functioning in America, hence none would and, of course, none did issue a charter to Mr. Lewis or authorize him to "establish the Order in America."

Surely it is obvious from his said contradictory statements that he was not a Rosicrucian initiate or Master at any of the times when he alleges that he had received his pretended authority. The remainder of his statement (10) and other statements hereafter

[7] The reason for this is fully explained in Part Three of Chapter IV, pp. 359 to 363, *supra.*

referred to show that he had no Rosicrucian charter or authority at the time he launched his spurious Order, and the examination of his so-called "charters" in this volume and the exposure of the same as fraudulent devices show conclusively that at no time even to this day has he possessed a *charter* or *any* Rosicrucian authority for his spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order.

It must be obvious even to those who are uninformed on Rosicrucian affairs that no Rosicrucian Order or any secret fraternal organization would authorize him to establish the Order and then at various times in devious ways unknown to him deliver final instructions, seals, jewels, secret papers and other foolish contrivances from different alleged Grand Lodge jurisdictions on three continents with which to establish another Supreme Grand Lodge *in the occupied territory* on a fourth continent. The repeated and varied statements to that effect are ridiculous. No secret order ever followed such a nonsensical procedure in authorizing or establishing lodges. Such statements are artifices involving the "mysterious" element to ensnare curious and gullible victims. They are *prima facie* snares, delusions and devices of fraud.

Fraudulent Claims of Authority Revealed

By His Changing, Crooked, Impossible Story

In 1915 he declared his organization complete and that the American Council and officers of the Grand Lodge had *Supreme Power* in all "Rosaecrucian" matters in the United States (11). However, from that day to the present time he has continued constantly and persistently to collect many different kinds of strange devices, unique "papers," spurious charters and "important" documents to prove (!) the genuineness of his Rosicrucian authority and the authenticity of his fabrication.

In May, 1916, in his "Authentic and Complete" history he relates, following his alleged initiation, that when he left Toulouse "The Most Worshipful Grand Master"[8] of France handed him "certain papers" appointing him "Legate" for America and a *"few jewels"* with which to establish the Order; that, as he made progress, a representative from the Order in Egypt would hand him

[8] This is a Masonic, not a Rosicrucian designation of a Grand Master.

"other papers and seals"[9] to add to his *"devices"* until his working tools were completed; that the archivist of the French Order, with the "protection of the French Government," would send him "other papers,"[1] upon favorable report of its agents, who no doubt were keeping a close watch on him, and that the "Masters of the World"[2] would gladly administer to his wants and requirements from time to time (23). That is his "historical" statement of the source of his authority and the strange and unique manner in which it is delivered to him. To anyone who knows anything about the authorization and institution of secret fraternal lodges, that statement is an absurd monstrosity.

In February, 1916, in one of his many self-written biographies of himself, he states that "by agreement of Supreme Council[3] of France and Egypt the permission" was given to him "to establish the R. C. Order in America in the year 1915," and that "in the month of December, 1914, the Council in France delivered to him, through many sources and many persons, various *articles, papers and jewels"* with which he says he *established* "the Order" in America (16). These are his earlier and first statements of the source and nature of his alleged Rosicrucian authority. Kindly compare (23) and (16) with (10) and (11) as to details and keep these earlier statements in mind for comparison with his later statements.

His Story Changes and Grows Mightily

Although in 1915 his so-called R. C. Order was completely established with *"necessary* papers" from the Supreme Council of France (10) and in April, 1916, it was "the *only* authoritative, sanctioned and legitimate Order of Rosaecrucianism in America," with *"papers* signed abroad by the masters" (39), yet, as related by him in 1917, it was desired that the American Order be *properly*

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[9] Regular lodges only use one seal, spurious lodges may require several seals.

[1] Remember that only *one* paper—a charter—is necessary to institute a Lodge of any description—supreme or ordinary.

[2] In one way or another he has used the Masters of the World, both the real and imaginary mythical masters, as devices to promote his spurious and fraudulent R. C. Order.

[3] Does he mean that there was *one* council for both France and Egypt? Probably so. However, the Supreme Grand Lodge of each Rosicrucian jurisdiction has its own Councils of *Three* and *Seven.*

"sponsored" by the highest living authorities abroad, that is, by the "Supreme Council of the World," and in October, 1915 he received a sealed "paper of sponsorship" or "charter" purporting to be from an R. C. Lodge in France (35), (36) and (38). And, although in September, 1916, he had declared that through a "High Lateran" (Roman Catholic) Council of the Supreme Council of the World held in Egypt in July, 1916, he possessed the *necessary* CHARTER or PATENT for the existence of his spurious Order in America (42), yet he subsequently maintained in December, 1926, that Rosicrucian Lodges in a new and foreign jurisdiction can be established or formed by "sponsorship" *only* (8). Notwithstanding that his fabrication could be established in America in *"only one way,"* to wit, "by sponsorship," yet in July, 1916—in his imagination—he held a *High Roman Catholic Council* of the "Supreme Council of the World" of the R. C. in Egypt and issued to himself "Pronunziamento No. 987,601," creating his jurisdiction the largest in the world and himself the most important Rosicrucian in the Universe (40). However, it would seem, after all, he was forced to confess that mere "sponsorship" was insufficient and that he really needed a *Charter* or *Patent* for the official existence of his spurious R. C. Order in America and its alleged Rosicrucian affiliations through the world (42). Therefore, having received his alleged "Charter or Patent," that is, "Pronunziamento No. 987,-601," he declared in December, 1916, that his fabrication was established in America in February, 1915, and that its "rights and privileges" to so establish itself were transmitted through the Order in Europe by the Supreme Council in France with the approval of the *"Supreme Pontiff of the Order in Egypt"* (43), and, to be sure, El Moria was the *Supreme Executive* of the AMORC with headquarters in Memphis, Egypt (44); but, then, he says that the Rosicrucian Order, Fraternity or Brotherhood throughout the world has no Supreme Ruler, Chief or Head (45) and that his spurious R. C. Order has no "international founders, leaders or discoverers" and that the chief executives of each branch in each land on an equal basis constitute the "international council," which is an"advisory council" (46). Being *advisory,* it has no power to issue charters or patents or to give to Lewis' fabrication the largest jurisdiction in the world with twenty-one votes out of forty-eight on the council—this for another reason: all executives "are on an equal basis," hence his fabrication could not have twenty-one votes

out of forty-eight on the council, as he claimed in 1916.

Although he told us in 1917 it was no surprise to America to learn in February, 1915, that he "was in possession of certain *seals, jewels, papers, documents,* rituals and teachings" bearing the "Rosaecrucian" symbols and that through other *messengers* from *"Egypt, India*[4] and France" had come *"powers* and instructions" to "establish and maintain" the true AMORC in America (48); and, although the momentous news of the glad tidings spread from coast to coast like a blinding flash of lightning in the dark of night, and everybody who amounted to anything was spreading the "Light" to the *hundreds of thousands* of occult students in America who were ready for the *"great* coming of this *great* school," with its "ancient Rosaecrucian Jewel and Seal" (used by a Pharaoh of Egypt, 1500 B. C.), which swept the work onward until in 1917 his fabrication was a *wonderful reality,* spreading everywhere with the "mighty forces" and with the highest endorsements of the clergy of all creeds, educators, scientists and editors (49)—yet, nevertheless, with all of his ancient jewels, seals, insignia, wonderful *devices* from the Pharaoh of Egypt and far-off mysterious India the strange-looking paper of sponsorship from France with its five seals and nine signatures and "Pronunziamento No. 987,601"—the "charter" from Egypt—he had *no Rosicrucian* authority, and despite all of his mysterious mythical tales and cunning artifices very few people believed that his so-called R. C. Order was genuine or authentic. Therefore, it failed and he retired into silence.

The Failure and Collapse of 1918

With the spectacular raid on his headquarters in June, 1918, and the police of New York City taking possession of his "charter" —Pronunziamento No. 987,601—he wrote an official communication from "Factor Luminis" from the "Third Vault" or the inner-

[4] By 1917 far off mysterious India had come into the picture and taken its place beside the Roman Catholic Councils and Grand Pyramids of Egypt. In the original version of the mythical story, his fabrication was established "with the necessary papers" from the Supreme Council of France (10) and the American Council and Officers of the Grand Lodge working under their own self-made charter and constitution, modeled after the French, had or would have *"Supreme Power* in *all Rosicrucian* matters in the United States" (11). However, in this revised version as an afterthought to make the "powers" much more potent, he has caused them to also flow *from* India and to come by "messengers."

most sanctum of the hidden inner fraternity, effective at midnight, February 22, 1919, advising himself that his fabrication was not like the Rose Cross Order and that it should be remodeled in several particulars (54), but showing, of course, that a very definite channel of communication was open between himself and the *Secret Chief* of the Rosicrucian Fraternity (55), even though there was *no chief* of the Fraternity (45). The "official" communication from the "Third Vault" came too late; the collapse was imminent and inevitable. It came and he retired into silence and reopened his "Temple of Alden"[5] for business at 1225 Market Street, San Francisco, "on the green hill, twenty-four hours travel from the nearest railroad, far from a city's noise and commercial activity." In 1921 he issued his "Pronunziamento No. 777," bombastically setting forth his old false claims of authority with many changes and contradictions as to details,[6] also the claim that his AMORC movement is the continuation of an alleged Rosicrucian movement founded near Philadelphia in 1694 by the German Pietists of Eastern Pennsylvania (67); but, after all, "the AMORC of today *is not* a descendant of the group that came to America in 1694" (68).

However, such claims were not convincing, and that type of propaganda did not pay. Therefore, he moved his headquarters to Florida and in 1926 repudiated the "Pontiff Supreme, Perfect High Ancient Shekah," the "Secret Chief"—*Factor Luminis*—and the French sponsors of his fabrication, usurped their functions and offices and declared himself to be the "Imperator-Rex of the AMORC throughout the world" for the alleged purpose of "re-establishing[7] the fraternity along the *most modern lines*" (70). But his usurpation existed in appearance only. In reality he had always been the "Most Perfect Master Profundis," the "Pontiff Supreme Perfect High Ancient Shekah," the "Secret Chief—Factor Luminis"—and the French sponsor of his fraudulent Rosicrucian organization. His desire for worldly power and the appearance of exalted greatness caused him to forget his cunning artifices and to rashly declare the truth, namely, that he at all times, regard-

[5] See his quoted statements, Chapter III, pp. 169 to 172, *supra*.

[6] See quotations (57) to (66), both inclusive.

[7] The manner in which he re-established his fabrication after his collapse in 1918 is shown by his promotional propaganda, herein quoted—especially in quotation (97), and by his recent publicity stunt—his junket to Egypt to be presently considered.

less of how well it had been camouflaged, was the only authority, the only head and the exclusive creator of his fabrication. Hence, when he boldly and publicly declared himself to be the "Imperator-King" of his own fraternal racket, he "spilled the beans" for himself, but revealed the truth to the public.

Impressed with the idea of being the King of his own fabrication throughout the world, he decided to be the *next* potentate of the authentic Fraternity to unveil the work to the present generations throughout the world and to be the successor of Father Christian Rosenkreutz (74). In January, 1927, he told the "tall story" of how in the troublesome year of 1918 he left his troubles behind (75) and journeyed from New York to the Pacific Coast and in a cave "brought to light the well-preserved body" of Christian Rosenkreutz and secured some "jewels and documents" (76), including an ancient cartouche seal of Amenhotep IV (77), which he had previously received in the Grand Lodge of France (58). Then, *"quietly"* returning to New York, he held a great convention so *quietly* to celebrate the revelation that no one knew about it until he told about it in 1927 and issued a "private" *Fama Fraternitatis,* which no one has seen, but which is *"one of the most important papers* of the Fraternity throughout the civilized world today" (77). In this manner he became the successor (!) to Father Christian Rosenkreutz of the authentic Fraternity. Also in this manner, and with many other artifices and devices, has he promoted his fraudulent Rosicrucian organization. However, his more recent idea of being the successor of Christian Rosenkreutz of the authentic Fraternity, which originated in Germany in 1614, is hardly consistent with his earlier claims of "authority" from his mythical French organization, which he says had its origin in 805 A. D. (58) Although the seeking of authority from the German foundation of the authentic Order is a confession that his former claims of authority (59) are spurious—*as, in fact, they are*—yet he persisted in his attempt to plausibly show his connection with the original German foundation of the *real* Rosicrucian Order, and he finally succeeded (?) by securing "authority" therefrom by *"blood transfusion"* (87). See also pages 353 to 363, *supra.* Strange as it seems, this is the changing, contradictory story of his source of spurious authority,[8] which in its final analysis resolves itself into

[8] We regret that space does not permit us to make a complete detailed comparison

the ridiculous claim of "authority" by and through "blood transfusion," and the proof of the authenticity of his spurious fabrication, by reason of his connections with various so-called Councils, in its final analysis resolves itself into a "certificate of authenticity" by the FUDOSI—his most recent fraudulent device.

His Various So-Called Councils

We have seen that he has made many different and inconsistent claims as to the source of his authority and the way in which it was received. However, it seems that most of his singularly unique and unusual claims of Rosicrucian authority are based in some way and hark back to some action alleged to have been taken by some kind of a council or various different councils entirely foreign to and wholly unknown in the authentic Rosicrucian Order. He insists, as we have seen, that the authenticity of his fabrication is shown because he is a member of certain international Rosicrucian Councils, because he has attended certain international conventions or congresses and because these alleged councils, conventions or congresses[9] have *honored* him and have recognized his fraternal swindle as being the only authentic Rosicrucian organization in America.

An exhaustive examination of his alleged Rosicrucian World and International Councils, Conventions and Congresses was made in Chapter IV hereof, and they were shown to be snares and delusions which have been used as artifices and devices to promote his fraudulent Rosicrucian racket.

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and analysis of the many inconsistencies and contradictions in his claims of authority. The reader and *investigator*, especially the *official* investigator, will find it very interesting to carefully compare and analyze his various claims. When this is done they fall to pieces and prove upon their face that they are all false—mere devices and artifices of fraud. For example, in statements set forth in quotations (7), (13), (16), (25), (43), (48), (49), (63), (70), (78) and (92) he claimed authority to establish the order in America. However, in quotation (89) it was to re-establish the Order in America; in quotation (70) to re-establish it throughout the world and in (74) to revive it throughout the world. In (39) his spurious R. C. Order had no predecessors, in (68) it was in no way connected with an alleged American Foundation in 1694; but in (67) and (69) it was a continuation of said alleged Foundation, and in (82) he was presented with documents from said alleged Foundation. Other details of his claims may be treated in the same manner. They do not stand the test of reason and of fair and competent investigation.

[9] See quotations (86), (87), (88), (90) and (91). Also his statement quoted in Chapter III, pp. 136-137.

To aid the investigation and to help the reader gain a quick comprehension of the great variety of conflicting false claims he has made concerning said councils, we briefly index his references thereto in his statements quoted in this chapter, the figures in the parentheses indicating the number of the quoted statement referred to, as follows:

The first one referred to is *"The Supreme Council of the World"* (2). Then his fabrication is affiliated with *"International Bodies of Rosicrucians throughout the World"* (8)—how many such "international bodies" there were or may be he does not reveal, but we suspect there were not many if any. He received his "necessary papers" from the *"Supreme Council of France"* (10)—well, not exactly, perhaps, from the *"Jurisdiction of Aquitania"* (58)—but neither statement was true, because it was "by agreement with the *Supreme Council in France and Egypt"* (16).

The Supreme Council of America desired that the American Order (AMORC) be properly "sponsored" by the highest living authority abroad (38), so the *"Supreme Council* and *Grand Lodge AMORC of France,* on behalf of the *Supreme Council of AMORC of the World,"* executed the "paper of sponsorship"—so he says (35). But the "paper of sponsorship" was not so good. Rosicrucian Grand Lodges are not so authorized. Hence to improve his papers, he held a *"High Lateran Council"* (High Roman Catholic Council) of the *"Council R. C. of the World,"* which made his the largest and most important independent jurisdiction in the world and gave him almost half of the votes on the "Council of the World" (40). Said Council, so he says, issued to him Pronunziamento No. 987,601, which he said constituted the necessary *"charter* or *patent"* for the "official existence" of his fabrication in America (42), and his alleged rights and privileges to establish it were approved by the *"Supreme Pontiff of the Order"* in Egypt and transmitted through the *"Supreme* GRAND *Council in France"* (43). However, in 1919 he received an alleged communication from the *"Supreme Authorities" purporting* to have been written at "The Third Vault" (54), which he said proved his close connection with the "SECRET CHIEF" (55). Whether the "World Council" or the "Secret Chief" is supreme, we will never know, but it is not important—probably neither existed.

But in 1926 his *American Supreme Council of AMORC* became

"so large and of such an *international nature"* that it became "the SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE WORLD" (70), because Harve Spencer Lewis, F. R. C., Ph.D., *"Imperator-Rex of the AMORC throughout the world"* had established a few branches of his fabrication in other countries, either in fact or as a subterfuge with confederate secretaries to answer inquiries and to establish a post office address.[1] This is as near as he ever came to establishing an "International Council" for his spurious R. C. Order and fraternal racket.

"Supreme High Council of the Universe"

In 1909 he was initiated into the *"International Organization"* under the auspices of the French Jurisdiction (78) and appointed Legate to establish a separate jurisdiction in America.[2] But "in the summer of 1909, after consultation with the Supreme Master of the French Jurisdiction," he "was placed under the direction of the *European* Supreme Council," which agreed to his plans and "authorized the French jurisdiction to sponsor them" (80). Also, in 1909, he met members of the *"International Council* of the Rosicrucian bodies of various European nations" (82).

Increasing activities resulted in an *"International Convention of Rosicrucians* HELD IN EUROPE" (not in Egypt),[3] issuing a proclamation "establishing North America as a complete jurisdiction of the *international organization,"* and it was no longer necessary for him to *"operate as a branch*[4] of the French body" (84); but all of North America operated under one *"charter"*[5] granted by the *"International Council"* (85), although said Council is only an "Inter-

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[1] See quotation (71), where he speaks of himself as "Imperator of AMORC in America and *other* jurisdictions".

[2] This conflicts with his statements regarding "sponsorship" and being a branch of the French jurisdiction. See quotation (84).

[3] This flatly contradicts his statement in quotation (40), where he says this alleged action took place at a High Roman Catholic Council of the Council R. C. of the World held in Memphis, Egypt.

[4] His acknowledgment here that he operated for some time as a *"branch* of the French body" cannot be reconciled with his statement in quotation (11), nor with his statement in quotation (61) that his American Lodges are *not* branches of lodges of any European organization or secret movement.

[5] He possesses no such charter issued by an International Rosicrucian Council that can be shown to be authentic.

national Advisory Council" (46) and, therefore, *possessed no charter-granting power.*

Now, according to his statement in 1921, his alleged *"World Council of the Rosicrucian Order"* became all "puffed up" and was known as "THE SUPREME HIGH COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSE" controlling "all the *ancient and modern Secret Rites"* which it conferred upon his fabrication, so that it was the only organization in the world "having the approval" of the *"Supreme High Council of all* ancient *and modern* Secret Rites."[6]

And then in 1931 he declared that only the genuine Rosicrucian organizations throughout the world operate under his spurious *"Universal* or *International Supreme Council,"* maintaining a secretary at its "headquarters in Europe *near* the location of the *original European Foundation"* (87), although his fake *"International Council Pansophia,"* established in Berlin in 1930, failed and was abandoned by him, as we learned in Part Three of Chapter IV, *supra.* But in *The Light of Egypt* (December, 1928), on page 17, he declared that: "The Imperators of the various jurisdictions constitute a Supreme Council of *advisors* to the *White Lodge* which is the *Superior* body of the entire Order in the World."

In 1932 to 1934 he averred that "the true *Rosicrucian organization* for every jurisdiction in the world is represented at all *International Rosicrucian Congresses held in Europe* (88). Yet we have seen in Chapter IV, *supra,* that all his so-called Rosicrucian Congresses were *not* Rosicrucian Congresses at all, but subterfuges which he attempted to establish with mutilated and deleted documents published in his *White (?) Book D.*

Finally, being without Rosicrucian authority and having no so-called International Councils, Conventions or Congresses, in 1934 he held a congress of clandestinism in Brussels, created the FUDOSI as a fraudulent device, appointed Marc Lanval, the international sex engineer, as International Secretary thereof, who certified to the Rosicrucian authenticity of his spurious R. C. Racket, and now he is relying upon that certificate to prove the authenticity thereof (91).

Astounding as it is, it is his own story of the source of his au-

[6] See his statement quoted in Chapter III, pp. 136-137. Also note the alleged honors and titles which this "High Council" conferred upon him, shown in his statement quoted in pages 135-136, *supra.*

thority. The manner in which he acquired it and his alleged proof of the authenticity of his alleged Rosicrucian Order is very persuasive proof—indeed, *positive proof* that it is a *fraudulent* R. C. Order—a notorious *fraternal swindle.*

The Establishment of the Fabrication

For the same reason, let us index, contrast and analyze his various statements as to how he established his fabrication. It was established in February, 1915 (10), but the Supreme Council did not constitute itself a Council and elect the officers until April 1, 1915. The constitution was adopted later; the Council and officers were not initiated until May 13, 1915 (33), and the "Grand Master General" did not receive his "Master's Jewel" until July of the same year (34).

Although he was supposed to be an initiate Rosicrucian Master—if we may believe the contradictory and impossible story of his initiation—nevertheless, he could not understand his alleged instructions, and he made his first great mistake (25). He started before he was ready—his "Black Book" and self-prepared "Illuminated Charter" were too crude, and nobody would sign them.

Preliminary Meetings—Organization Committee

"The preliminary meeting was held February 8, 1915"—it was not established in February, 1915—and *nine* men and women (just *ordinary* men and women) were present and were made a committee to organize a Supreme Council (27). That was the way it was in 1916, but in 1917 "one of the *first acts* of the present Imperator was to call a meeting of *hundreds of representative* men and women, *occult students, physicians, clergymen, scientists, lawyers* and *authors,"* who took the oath and proceeded with the organization (31)—a rather large organization committee! But on March 3rd about eighty attended the second preliminary organization meeting; several Freemasons and a number of professors and scientific men and women attended, and about fifty took the oath and signed the "Official Black Book" (28). These continued with the organization of the fabrication. However, after all, it was *nine* men and women who constituted the foundation or organization committee to establish "the Order," but they were *not* ordi-

nary men and women—they had *spent their lives in occult research,* and one was an official messenger from India (49). Yes, it was *nine* men and women who were the organization committee, but they were not occult researchers; they were *representatives* of the *various* schools of *advanced thought* in New York (63), and the representative of "the Order" from India was not present this time.

Now, no matter what kind of men and women they may have been, *nine* were not enough to form a committee to organize a fabrication or spurious R. C. Order. Therefore, he selected *forty-eight* men and women from *many* branches of *activities* covered by the AMORC plan. These constituted the organization committee to call a mass meeting and start the ball rolling in a big way. They did. A few weeks later over *three hundred* well-known *occultists, metaphysicians, scientists* and students of *Rosicrucian* work were present. From these a committee of *sixty* were appointed to verify and go forward with the "plan" (72).

Again the story changes and contradicts itself. As told in 1928, "Dr. Lewis returned from Europe and began *at once* his *official* activities." Early in the fall of 1909 he conferred with foreign initiates who were familiar with the "rules and regulations of the foreign jurisdictions and acquainted with the Supreme Officers abroad." It was a big job, so "twelve men and women had been placed on the *foundation* committee" before the end of 1909—just to give it a good start (79); but "throughout the years 1909 to 1915 *many official Council meetings were held"* in his home and the homes of others, yet he had no Council; and in 1915 the *first official* public manifesto was issued announcing the *birth* of "the Order," and *immediately thereafter* the first supreme council was *selected* from among *hundreds* of men and women who had been *carefully* selected during the seven preceding years (83). No, no—it was not *nine, twelve* or *forty-eight* men and women who formed the foundation or organization committee, but, according to his latest and *greatly revised* version, 1934, as published in the last edition of the *official* "Rosicrucian Manual," AMORC, when he returned to America in 1909, after having been *introduced* to the "right authorities" who inducted him into the "mysteries and methods" of carrying out his life mission, he held *many* "secret sessions" with men and women who had been initiated into "the Order" in France

and India and other lands who *formed the first foundation committee* for the *"re-establishment"* of the Rosicrucian Order (89)—and that is the way it happened. Well, maybe, and then perhaps not. But one thing is certain, namely: so many different, constantly changing and contradictory versions of the same story are suspicious *Insignia of Fraud.*

Such Mistakes Are Proof of This Fraud

In the Rosy Cross there are three Councils, which are the only regular councils known in the authentic Order. They are the *Councils of Nine, Seven* and *Three.* The Supreme Council of Nine is international; of whom it is composed and the manner in which it functions has not been divulged. The *Councils of Seven* and *Three* are local and are attached to and a part of the Supreme Grand Lodge of each grand jurisdiction. Lewis, not being a Rosicrucian and wholly uninformed as to the internal structure and inner workings of the Fraternity of the Rosicrucians, has made many mistakes in the fabrication and operation of his fraudulent R. C. Order. These mistakes alone are strong evidence tending to prove that his so-called Rosicrucian organization is a fraudulent scheme.

We have seen that at no time have any of his mythical or fabricated international councils been like or in any manner correspond to the authentic international councils of the genuine Order. As we have seen and shall presently show, his American "Supreme Council" has never corresponded to or been like the genuine Councils of the authentic Supreme Grand Lodges in local grand jurisdictions. From time to time the spurious "Supreme Council" of his fraudulent scheme has been composed of varying numbers. It is now a "Supreme Council of Five"—A SUPREME COUNCIL OF HIS FAMILY—composed of himself, his wife, his son, his son's wife and another appointed by them.[7] The "Supreme Council of Five" or the *"Supreme Family Council"* is unknown and unheard of in

[7] See Chapter VI where his "Supreme Family Council" is discussed.

the authentic organization.

Self-Constituted "Supreme Council"

Issues Its Own "Illuminated Charter"

For the reasons indicated, let us also index, contrast and analyze his various and varying statements concerning the formation of his "Supreme Council," which issued and joined him in the issuance of an "illuminated" counterfeit charter (11) under which he began the operations of a nefarious fraternal business enterprise.

According to his first version, on April 1, 1915, *"about thirty* of the most active workers met" and "with due form *constituted themselves* the *Supreme Council,* signed an *illuminated charter,*[8] declaring the *authoritative, proper* and *legal establishment* of AMORC in America," but only "twenty-five Councilors, after weeks of deliberation, investigation and sincere appreciation of its import, arose as a body and rejoicingly signed the *American Charter,"*[9] which was a proud and sacred moment to Mr. Lewis (30). This "illuminated charter" is copied in full in quotation (32). It is, beyond all question, the most singular charter and the most unique artifice of fraud or trap for the gullible in existence. Then, after constituting themselves the "Council" and issuing the aforesaid "charter," they were *afterwards* "initiated" into their self-constituted order (33). Now, the "about thirty" of the most active workers later became "thirty men and women selected from over a hundred" who met, elected temporary chairman and "finally organized themselves into the First Supreme Council of the Order in America" (63). Then the most marvelous thing happened. This remarkable "council," which resolved itself into existence, became

[8] The "illuminated charter"; "Black Book", the "necessary first papers" had been specially prepared by Mr. Lewis in 1913. See quotation (25) and compare this statement with his statement in quotation (73), where he says the "charter" was drawn up and signed by the charter members. See also quotation (31), where he says the "charter was *formed* and adopted on April 1", 1915.

[9] In this Chapter we have examined his self-executed counterfeit charter, his "paper of sponsorship" and his spurious Pronunciamento No. 987,601 alleged to have been authorized by the Supreme R. C. Council of the World, which he claimed was a "Charter or Patent" for his spurious R. C. Order. In Chapter IV we examined all of his so-called important Rosicrucian documents, some of which he said were Rosicrucian charters. We have found all of his alleged charters to be spurious—and used as devices to promote and perpetuate his fraudulent Rosicrucian Order.

the "Supreme Council of the World" (70). But, according to his statement in October, 1917, his fabrication "was founded here in America by *twenty-two* men and women of New York, assembled on April 1, 1915," this being the date and meeting when the "First Supreme Council of the Order in America" was formed. Said council must have consisted of twenty-two men and women.[1] And then the story changes again, and *so changes* the "Council." It was on April 1, 1915,[2] that *fifty-two* of a committee of *sixty* held a special meeting, and the "committee was duly organized as the Supreme Council of AMORC." Then they elected officers and then, after they were fully organized as a "Rosicrucian Order," they found that they possessed *no Rosicrucian warrant, patent or charter,* so, therefore, "a charter [?] for the organization of AMORC *in its present form* was *drawn up* and *signed* by the Committee of Charter members present" (73), which was fifty-two, not twenty-five, as first stated in quotation (30). In the beginning *about thirty* constituted the council, and *twenty-five* councilors signed the "illuminated charter"; then *twenty-two* founded the order on April 1, 1915; then sixty constituted themselves the council, and fifty-two charter members signed the charter of AMORC in its present form; but still later the number became uncertain and indefinite, and "in 1915 the first official public manifesto was issued in this country announcing the birth of the new cycle of the Order, and immediately thereafter the first Supreme Council of the Order was selected from among hundreds" of *selected* men and women (83). Because of the indefinite number of "councilors" and the expansive nature of this "council," it was no difficult matter for it to become the "Supreme Council of the World," as we have seen. However,

[1] See his statement in American Rosae Crucis, October 1917, p. 195, quoted in Volume I, p. 212.

[2] On February 8, 1931, he held a celebration in commemoration of the sixteenth anniversary of the first Supreme Council meeting. In his address on that occasion he said: "For many years the Supreme Council, *formed in 1909,* had been active in preparing and arranging the future work of the organization, acting as an *advisory body and co-operating with me in arranging the translations* and the *establishment of the fundamental principles,* but it was not until February 8, 1915, that this Supreme Council was called together for the purpose of actually executing some definite work and becoming *active* as an *executive* council rather than as an advisory one." *(Rosicrucian Forum,* Number 5, page 142. The italics are ours.) Thus it appears that his statements are as uncertain as to *when* his "Supreme Council" was formed as they are contradictory as to how many formed it and the purpose for which it was formed.

in his latest version (1934) we are informed that after "seven years of preparation" for the "re-establishment" of the Rosicrucian Order he issued a manifesto. That his "first official Manifesto was warmly greeted by a gathering of over *three hundred* prominent students of the ancient Rosicrucian teachings who examined the official papers, seals and warrants possessed by Imperator Lewis," and that these three hundred or more "formed the first American Council of the Order." The "illuminated charter" that was "destined to be a famous document in American history"[3] was abandoned and forgotten, and the fabrication was operated under a "paper of sponsorship" sent by the "Grand Council of the Ordre Rose Croix of France" (89). Well, it was a wonderful, a marvelous, an unexcelled Council, and how it grew and waxed strong! No wonder it finally expanded itself into the "Supreme High Council of the Universe,"[4] and granted so many honors, titles and privileges to Mr. Lewis, who created it in his imagination and used it as an Artifice of Fraud.

A Few of the Tricks of His Trade

In the February issue of the *American Rosae Crucis* he published a "ROSAECRUCIAN MAP OF THE WORLD, 1300 B.C." (shown in our Reproduction No. 70), beneath which he printed a description, as follows:

> (102) "The map shown above represents the countries of the world with signs, symbols and planetary characters *allotted to them by the Rosaecrucians in Egypt* many centuries before Christ. It is interesting to note that the Eagle with the arrows of Sagittarius (which rules the continent) is allotted to North America along with the Pyramid and other symbols, which were adopted so many years later at Washington by those who were unaware of these things being previously ascribed by the Rosaecrucians. The map is made from *drawings found on the walls in Rosaecrucian Temples* and the Pyramid Cheops." *(American Rosae Crucis,* February 1916, p. 8. The italics are ours.)

It was his purpose that this statement should be read with and as being a part of his general propaganda, namely, that he was in

[3] See his statement in quotation (30).

[4] See Chapter III, pp. 335 to 337, *supra.*

possession of all the "ancient" documents of the Rosicrucians and that he could impart their wonderful teachings. Clearly it was his intention to leave the impression on the mind of his readers that his fabrication was decreed centuries before to be established in America, as he has often so represented. This map, alleged and falsely represented to have been copied from original maps on the *"walls* in *Rosaecrucian Temples,"* was intended to sustain his false propaganda and to establish the fact—*which was not a fact*—that he was in possession of *secret* and *unusual* Rosicrucian documents.

Now, the map in question is a part of a book entitled *New Light from the Great Pyramid,* by Albert Ross Parsons, published by the Metaphysical Publishing Company, New York, 1893. The contents of the book are described by the author on the title page, as follows:

> " * * * THE ASTRONOMICO-GEOGRAPHICAL SYSTEM OF THE ANCIENTS RECOVERED AND APPLIED TO THE ELUCIDATION OF HISTORY, CEREMONY, SYMBOLISM, AND RELIGION, WITH AN EXPOSITION OF THE EVOLUTION FROM THE PREHISTORIC, OBJECTIVE, SCIENTIFIC RELIGION OF ADAM KADMON, THE MACROCOSM, OF THE HISTORIC, SUBJECTIVE, SPIRITUAL RELIGION, OF CHRIST JESUS, THE MICROCOSM * * *"

The map was *prepared* by the *author* and *copyrighted* by him in 1893 as being explanatory of the contents of his book and was attached thereto in such a way that it could be unfolded, and the entire map would be before the reader for the purpose of reference. Of this map the author says on page 11 of the preface:

> "The map accompanying this work is arranged so that the reader may keep it continually before his eyes for the purpose of reference, as he is led through the examination of a network of coincidences, which if accidental would prove that chance is as artistically methodical in its operations as law itself."

Mr. Lewis deliberately lifted this map from Mr. Parsons' said book—which in no manner deals with the Rosy Cross or Rosicrucian matters or temples—reproduced and published it as a "Rosicrucian Map of the World" *which had been in existence since the year 1300 B.C.* It is miserable misrepresentation—it is a crafty *Artifice of Fraud*—a cunning *Trick of his Trade of Fraternal Racketeering.*

Making Gold—Another Trick

In 1916, as a publicity stunt for advertising purposes, with a newspaper reporter present, "Dr." Lewis, "Ph.D.," the learned scientist,[5] "transmuted" a "chunk of zinc" into a "lump of pure gold." He reported this remarkable "trick or stunt" in his then official organ, as follows:

> (103 "A Demonstration of Alchemy—Report of a Special Supreme Grand Convocation Thursday night, June 22, 1916, there was given to the Officers and Councilors of the Supreme Grand Lodge in the Temple in New York, a demonstration of the ancient art—science—of transmutation.
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> "It was the first time such a convocation was held in America—and it may be several years before a similar demonstration will be given again.
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> "Each Grand Master General is permitted to give, *during his lifetime* and term of office, *one* demonstration of the ancient process whereby the *transmutation of metal* is accomplished.[6]
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> "Believing that the time was ripe for such a demonstration before the members who have been studying the laws which underlie all transmutation, our Imperator and Grand Master General made preparations for this *most interesting* manifestation of those fundamental laws [!] so thoroughly covered by the lectures of the First, Second, Third and Fourth Degrees of our Order. * * *[7]
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> "On the night of the demonstration all were on hand promptly at 8 o'clock. In order to meet the demand for one outside and disinterested witness, a representative of the *New York World's* editorial department was invited. Because of his presence a ceremony was arranged which did not include any of the secret rituals

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[5] See quotations (15) and (92).

[6] The false claim that he is a Rosicrucian Master makes this statement reprehensible and doubly false. No Rosicrucian Master would ever do a *"stunt"* such as here described. Many of the books of the Rosicrucians and the Alchemists refer to the Art of Transmuting the baser metals into gold—but it is not to be understood literally. The expression is a *symbolical figure of speech* which refers to the spiritual process of transmuting the lower and baser nature of man into his higher Spiritual Nature. The Rosicrucians teach the Art of Spiritual Transmutation, but no real Rosicrucian would ever be guilty of such a "stunt" as this one pulled off and described by this pseudo-Rosicrucian and fraternal racketeer. As to the true meaning of Transmutation as taught by the Rosicrucians, see *Alchemy and the Alchemists* (1907), Philosophical Publishing Company, Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

[7] His description of the preparations for the trick being covered in other parts of the article are omitted.

or work. * * *[8]

"After an opening prayer an address was given by the Grand Master General as follows:

" 'We are assembled in *Holy* Convocation tonight in this Temple to demonstrate for the *first time* in this country the *actual realization* of the dreams of our founders.[9] For a hundred years or more the Elder Brothers of our Order in Egypt worked at their crucibles and wrestled with the problems of alchemy in an attempt to apply the fundamental laws of our philosophy and science. At last they succeeded, and transmutation on the material plane, according to the laws of the triangle on the material plane, was demonstrated. And it has never been demonstrated outside of our Order. * * * *[1]

" 'Since the members of this Fourth Degree *are the most advanced* of our own *hundreds of Rosaecrucians in America*[2] today, I have felt the call to take advantage of the privileges accorded to me as your Imperator and Supreme Grand Master to make this *demonstration* of the *laws of transmutation;* and after due consideration of its *national import* and its *immediate effect upon the minds*[3] of those who esteem this Order and its work so reverently, I grant unto you one and all the privilege of witnessing for the *first* time the *sacred, holy* and *secret* process and method of *transmutation.* [of the gold of the gullible and unwary into the "Royal Revenues" of his fraternal racket.]

" 'May the Light so shine through this demonstration tonight that *thousands* of *yearning* souls in *every part of this glorious country* may, indirectly, see the Light and find it a beacon by which they may be guided to our fields of endeavor.' [He hoped to reach the whole country with this silly publicity stunt.]

"Then the fifteen members holding packages as per instructions on their cards were requested to place them on the table beside the

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[8] The description of the decoration of the temple is omitted.

[9] The founders of the August Fraternity never dreamed that anyone would ever have the audacity to demonstrate such *trickery* in the name of the Rosy Cross.

[1] His statement that his members are taught, in the First, Second and Third Degrees, the laws by which a "piece of lead" may be changed into a "lump of pure gold" taxes our credulity to the laughable point of the utter ridiculous. Therefore, it is omitted.

[2] This is typical of his exaggerated selling propaganda. In 1916 he had a mere handful of followers and there was not a Rosicrucian among them.

[3] The real purpose of this tricky stunt is frankly but inadvertently stated. It was intended to have an effect on the minds of the gullible and credulous and to be used as "national" advertising or propaganda for the promotion of his scheme.

crucible in full sight of the members. Directly beside the table sat the *New York World's* representative *keenly alive* to the value of close observation,[4] and as skeptical as any skeptic we may meet from a newspaper. The *World* has been investigating some of the other so-called Rosicrucian movements in this country, and from the correspondence it so gladly showed us, with the evidence of false statements, we are not surprised that this investigator was anxious to have all the *further proof* he could add to that which he *already possessed* regarding the *genuineness of the claims made by our Order.* For this reason—unlike those bodies he is trying to investigate—we gave him every possible opportunity to KNOW.[5]

"When the zinc was produced by one of our members—himself a mining engineer and expert on the subject of metals—it was at once turned back to the members to be so marked with initials and symbols as to make future identification positive.

"The *New York World* representative was one of the first to make his initials on the piece of zinc in an unmistakable manner. Then the zinc was tested by nitric acid to prove its nature. The fumes from the acid on the zinc were plainly visible to all present. Then the piece of zinc was cut in half. The half piece—about half an inch square, containing the scratched initials and symbols, was carefully weighed on assayers' scales. It weighed exactly 446 milligrams.

"Then the zinc was handed to the *Vestal Virgin,* who took it with the tweezers and held the metal in full sight while the Grand Master General picked up a small china dish—such as is used as 'butter dishes' and which a member had placed on the table. In this dish we could plainly see *the Master* drop some *white powder* supplied by one Sister present. Into this was dropped *several petals* from a *fresh red rose* brought by another Sister. Then the Vestal Virgin placed the piece of zinc into the dish and over it was sprinkled several other *white powders* supplied by some of the Brothers.

"The dish was held then over the colored flames and fumes of the crucible while the *Master* stirred the contents of the dish with

[4] The *New York World* reporter was "keenly alive," as we shall see from his report of this ridiculous attempt to trick and fool the newspaper, the public, as well as his members who were present.

[5] A careful perusal of the files of the *New York World* for the year 1916 does not reveal that it was making an investigation of Rosicrucian movements in America. This is false promotional propaganda. It is only another phase of his fraudulent artifice of having his Spurious R. C. Order investigated and found to be "genuine." The report in the *New York World* as made by this reporter was rather adverse, as we shall see. The manner in which he has taken advantage of editors and misrepresented various newspapers would make an interesting chapter.

merely the tip of the forefinger of his right hand.

"The left hand of the Master held the dish over the *flames* and the fingers of the hand *were certainly severely scorched,* as could be seen after the allotted 'sixteen minutes' of stirring were up, *but he showed no sense of pain* then nor over two hours afterward and the following morning even the *outward effects of the burn had disappeared.*[6]

"During the process, which called for *continued concentration* and *very active handling of dish,* ingredients, etc., to a *most tiring and exhaustive degree,* the Master dropped into the dish the different ingredients brought by the members. *The World representative*[7] was most careful to note the outward appearance of each ingredient and surely none present missed a single phase of the process. Our *nerves were tense,* we hardly breathed and were prepared for almost anything. [Remarkable beyond measure!]

"It was the first time the Master had conducted the process and he and we all realized that if any member had failed to bring just the proper ingredient, or if anything else was wrong—a disaster might occur. [!] Emergency articles had been provided by some present—for it was not the failure of the demonstration which we hoped would not come at this time, but *personal injury* to the *Master,* whose whole body was so close to the crucible and whose hands and face were practically in the fumes. [It was the love of the faithful for a great Master—it is all so astounding!]

"After the last petal of the rose had been dropped into the dish [this did the trick], the Master announced that he had reached the end of the process as he knew it. It was a crucial moment. *The Master* straightened up his figure from the bent-over position he had maintained for sixteen minutes. Those in the rear of the room rose from their seats and crowded to the front of the Temple, forgetting all Temple decorum in their eagerness to see the result of the process. [It was so wonderful and exciting!]

"Then in a *quiet, simple manner* the *Master* lifted the metal from the dish, held it close to the *altar light* burning in a *crystal lamp* brought from a *Rosaecrucian Temple in the Orient,* and after a critical examination announced, in a *dignified,* almost *reverent,* tone: 'It is gold!'[8]

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[6] He could handle fire without getting burned—indeed, it was a marvelous demonstration of pseudo-mastership or the real mastering of the arts of deception.

[7] Later we shall see how well the representative understood the whole ridiculous procedure.

[8] Yes, it was gold—"fool's gold", to fool and fleece the unwary. The remarkable process described seems to be so simple and very inexpensive. The wonder is that

"Those close by leaned forward to see the metal. There was an almost imperceptible motion of rushing toward the Master by the thirty-seven members present, when the Master passed the metal over to the Brother who had brought the original piece of zinc and said: 'Brother, you and the *gentleman from the World* may weigh the metal and *note* the *probable increase* in weight.'

"Carefully was the metal weighed again by the same scales. Every adjustment possible showed that the piece of metal *had increased in weight.* This was announced by those witnessing the weighing. Then the *World's* representative announced that the piece of metal contained and plainly showed his initials and other marks and others stated that their identification marks were also visible.

"The metal had a bright, yellow appearance, much like the *light color* of *pure* gold and *not like* the more *copper yellow* color of 14 or 18 karat gold.

"At the request of the Master the metal was immediately subjected to nitric acid tests as was the zinc—the same piece of metal—before the transmutation. This time there was no burning of the metal, no fumes, and the test was repeated several times.

"*Astounded,* yet *knowing what really had occurred* and the *simplicity of it* according to our teachings—[!]—most of us felt that we had witnessed *one* of the *strangest, most sacred* demonstrations and experiments yet given in our Temple. [Astounded at what—the simplicity of trickery?]

"The Master fittingly closed the convocation and all retired to the Imperator's Office, the Imperator carrying with him two pieces of metal—each originally forming *one piece of zinc*—now *different* in *color, weight* and *nature.* [!!!] The Secretary General remained in the Temple to destroy all the ingredients which remained unused

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he did not make tons of it instead of two small pieces. However, later he says that the art of transmuting is a costly one and no financial gain could possibly come through any exercise of this knowledge. *(Rosicrucian Digest,* June 1931, p. 522.) In this article he writes on the subject of *"Rosicrucianism—a Unique System".* We regret we cannot quote and review it. Investigators will find in it much interesting evidence and the usual contradiction and repudiation of his former statements. In an article in 1930 on *"The Transmutation of Gold"* he stated: "Every alchemist who has ever *experimented* with transmutation, *as has the Imperator of our AMORC here in America,* has freely admitted that *the cost* in time, chemicals, equipment, and labor involved in making even a few milligrams of gold *is so tremendous* that the manufacture of gold as a commercial process or commercial product is not only out of the question but a *very silly contemplation."* *(Rosicrucian Digest,* February 1930, p. 6. The italics are ours.) Hence, we have his admission in 1930 that his *Gold Making Hoax of 1916* was a "very silly contemplation".

on the table beside the crucible.

"In the Imperator's office, under the bright, white electric lights the two pieces of metal were compared. It is needless to state that *most of the members conceded that one was gold*—[!]—of a refined nature—while the other was zinc. A few were less positive that it was pure gold and their attitude is best expressed by the words of the *World's representative,* who in writing the *report for the newspapers* said: 'Whether pure gold was evolved or not I cannot say. I am not familiar enough with gold to make so bold a declaration. But of this much I am sure and will vouch for: a piece of tested and marked zinc was certainly transmuted into some other metal of a distinctly different nature, color and weight which successfully passed the acid test for gold. Furthermore, it looks like gold. Whereas the metal I marked and tested was at one time zinc, it is not zinc now, and the change was brought about before our eyes in fifteen to twenty minutes, in an honest, [!] sincere, [!!] and frank [!!!] manner.' [See what the Reporter of the World really said in quotation to follow.]

"The two pieces of metal will remain for some time in the Imperator's office, in a case, where they may be seen. Newspaper men, editors and several scientists have examined them and go their way greatly perplexed. No change in the appearance or size of the metals has occurred since the demonstration—and *none is expected*—except that one small corner piece of the gold has been cut off and *sent* to the *Supreme Council of the Order in France* along with an official report."[9] *(American Rosae Crucis,* July 1916, pp. 17 to 20. The italics are ours.)

The Great Gold-Making Hoax

What the World Reporter Thought and Said

No thoughtful or sensible person could witness the ridiculous hoax of making gold out of zinc in sixteen minutes by so simple a process or read the foregoing account thereof as reported and published by Mr. Lewis and believe that it was other than a huge joke or a *bold trick* of an audacious and foolish charlatan who had unlimited, blind confidence in his ability to deceive. Certainly, it could deceive none except those who are gullible beyond redemption

[9] The reader will recall that the sending of "reports" as well as the sending of fake gold to the mythical "Supreme Council" of his fabrication in France was one of his favorite artifices, often used for promotional purposes in the early years of his activities.

or those who are credulous beyond all reason.

In his usual suave manner and cunning way he attempts to lead his readers to believe that the *New York World* reporter approved of his "wonderful" demonstration or at least was so astounded that he would not question or deny the success of his transmutation of zinc into "pure gold," but he artfully misrepresented the attitude of the reporter. As a matter of fact, the *World* reporter ridiculed the whole procedure with pointed and cutting irony.

In the *New York World,* June 28, 1916, said reporter, writing under a headline reading "IF YOU WANT GOLD, TRY THE ROSY CROSS WAY," said:

> "Under the direction of Grand Master General and Imperator H. Spencer Lewis of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, a chunk of zinc was turned last night into pure gold, or—well, *if it wasn't that, it was something else.* * * * A *World* reporter is sure of some of the things used. There were a red rose and some cigar ashes and something that looks like saleratus and a piece of gauze and some distilled water. These were stirred in a china dish held over a crucible. Into his dish Imperator Lewis placed a piece of zinc and stirred this mixture with his fingers. There came out of the dish a piece of metal which more than half of the Supreme Council of America, Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, were willing to believe was gold."[1]

In the Metropolitan Section of the *New York World* on the following Sunday, July 2, 1916, there appeared a most amusing and laughable cartoon under the title of "VISITING THE MYSTIC TEMPLE WHERE IMPERATOR LEWIS PERFORMED AS AN ALCHEMIST." In this article the *World* severely ridiculed and poked all manner of fun at his audacious trickery and, among other things, said, *"Getting back to that yellow bit of metal that the Imperator said he had transmuted, it can be said with authority that all suggestions that it might be sent to the laboratory of Columbia University for examination or assayed will be turned down."* Yet, notwithstanding this and many other similar statements made by New York newspapers, in the October issue of *The American Rosae Crucis,* at

[1] When we read this statement that more than half of his Supreme Council believed that he had changed a chunk of zinc into pure gold, we may be inclined to doubt his statement in quotation (29) that his said council was composed of the representative learned and thinking class of New York City.

page 19, he said: *"Many newspapers in very many states have spoken editorially of the Order and its establishment in this country. In no case has such article ridiculed or even spoken otherwise than seriously and with praise and dignity of the Order."*

Here we have typical examples of other tricks and artifices which he employs to promote and perpetuate his fraternal swindle, as well as a striking example of the manner in which he has used and misused newspapers. The various artifices which he has employed and the many advantages which he has taken of editors of newspapers, magazines and standard reference works are far too numerous for us to properly review in this work.[2] However, they will prove to be an interesting study for official investigators. Most of them are found in his own acts and statements as recorded by himself, and they are very *persuasive proof of his fraudulent enterprise.*

His Fabrication Is and Is Not Religious

There is as much uncertainty as to the nature of his fabrication as there is to the source of its alleged authority and the date and manner of its establishment. In his first propaganda booklet issued in 1915 he declared that it was not a *"Religious movement,"*[3] yet in his second propaganda booklet issued two years thereafter he declared that it is:

(104) "A Sacred Religious Brotherhood—The Rosicrucians

[2] In August 1917 he gave a demonstration of the alleged Rosicrucian teachings of his fabrication as taught in the 6th, 7th and higher degrees. He stated that each vertebra of the spine had its musical note and color. That the laws and principles governing these matters constituted the secret teachings of his fabrication, not found in any other system or school of occultism, medicine or science. Therefore, based upon "these wonderful laws" with a little *hocus pocus,* he demonstrated (!) the application thereof in healing arts, with the cunning art of deception. Inasmuch as he claimed to be A Rosicrucian Master he demonstrated (!) that by simply placing his thumb on the proper vertebra, thereby producing the proper musical note and color, all manner of diseases were cured, the lame and the deformed were healed, sight was restored and the blind could see—as in the days of yore when Jesus, the Master of Men, walked on the waters and the shores of the sea of Galilee. According to his report, he performed miracles such as had not been performed since the days of Christ and the Great Masters. See *The American Rosae Crucis,* September 1917, pp. 170 to 175. Such trickery and artifices as these, which he still uses for promotion and perpetuation of his fraternal racket, will prove to be an interesting field for the official investigator.

[3] See "Official Publication Number Two AMORC", p. 6.

were always devout worshipers of God. In God and God's laws did the Master minds find all their inspiration. Ever present in their minds was the most demonstrable fact: God as the Supreme Architect,[4] the Master Mathematician and the Source of all that is, manifest in all things and through all things.

"This being so, it is easy to understand how and why the Rosicrucian Brotherhood became a *religious Order.* In fact *it is the premier religious order or sect* after which many other religious orders have freely copied." (*Rosicrucian Initiation,* 1917, p. 4. The italics are ours.)

On the title pages of his first official organ, *The American Rosae Crucis,* appears this statement: "A Monthly Magazine Devoted to Science, Philosophy and *Religion.* Official Organ of Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis." At various times he has referred to it as a *Religious Order* and then emphatically declared that it *is not.* However, in more recent years in his propaganda booklets and nation-wide advertisements[5] he has asserted that it is *not* RELIGIOUS in any way or in any meaning of the word. In his recent propaganda and advertisements he has given prominence to such statements as this: *"Remember—The Rosicrucian Brotherhood (AMORC) is* NOT *a Religious organization."*[6] It is true—*very true*—that his fabrication—the AMORC—is *not* a religious organization, but the Rosy Cross or the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, in whose holy name he carries on his fraternal racketeering, is a *Sacred Religious Order.* Therefore, it is *fraudulent* to conduct a non-religious racket in the name of a Holy Religious Order.

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[4] This is Masonic phraseology. As we have noted, his spurious Order is a Masonic-Rosicrucian fabrication.

[5] See a *fac-simile* of one of his recent advertisements—our Reproduction No. 22, Volume I, p. 379.

[6] The Constitution of the United States guarantees to every person, cult and religious sect the right of freedom of worship according to the dictates of their own conscience. The government has placed a liberal construction on this provision of the constitution and has been very *slow* and reluctant to interfere with any matters or practices of so-called religious movements or cults, which policy of non-interference has permitted without official interference the promotion and carrying on of innumerable dangerous practices and illegal rackets in the name and under the protection of religion. But Mr. Lewis, although exploiting the highest ideals of mankind and trafficking in brotherly love, has declared his racket to be entirely non-religious and has placed himself and his fraternal enterprise beyond the pale of the aforesaid liberal official policy of non-interference with religious sects, cults and so-called movements. Of this let official investigators take due notice and proceed accordingly.

The Rosy Cross Is a Religious Order

The *Mysteries* have always been profoundly and fundamentally religious. They are and always have been the *esoteric* basis and fundamental foundation of all exoteric religious sects, cults and movements. The various secret orders, schools, priesthoods and fraternities throughout the ages and from time immemorial have been religious—*profound religious* organizations.

The genuine *Mysteries* and the *Ancient Wisdom* or *Gnosis,* as taught in the Secret Orders, Priesthoods and Schools of all ages and at different times, are and always have been *essentially the same,* irrespective of the different methods of presentation and the many different names of the authentic orders, priesthoods or schools of the White Brotherhood that have from age to age presented and preserved the same.

In each age there have been Priesthoods and Secret Schools or Orders that have taught to the worthy the true *Wisdom of the Ages* according to the dispensation of the times. They have, according to their own methods best adapted to the conditions and necessities of their age, pointed the Way to spiritual development —the true Initiation and Immortalization of the Soul—and they have handed down this *Ancient Wisdom* and the true doctrines of the Sons of Light to succeeding generations.

Prior to the seventeenth century there were several secret schools or orders teaching the Mysteries. However, during the early part of the seventeenth century—about the year 1614—several of these schools or orders were merged or consolidated into one school, order or *August Fraternity* with the object and for the purpose of presenting the Mysteries and Ancient Wisdom according to Christian dispensation. Thereafter they were known as the *Rosicrucian Brotherhood* or the *Order of the Rosy Cross,* and the Rose upon the Cross—called The Rosy Cross—was adopted as the symbol of the Fraternity. Therefore, the Rose Cross is not only a Religious Order—it is a *Christian Order,* teaching the Ancient Wisdom according to the Christian Dispensation and presenting the Mysteries in accordance with Western Traditions and the requirements of our civilization.

The Rose Cross a Christian Order

Of Christian Rosenkreutz—C. R. C.

In all ages the Masters and the highest Initiates—especially those outstanding Master-teachers who have interpreted the Mysteries and ageless Wisdom according to the requirements of their age, who have brought to the world new dispensations upon which new exoteric religions have been founded—have been humble teachers of the ineffable realities, teaching by precept as well as with words the excelling superiority of spiritual values as compared with fleeting worldly affairs. The Buddha left a worldly kingdom with all its pleasures and seemingly great riches, thus retired from the haughty world to take his abode among the simple and lowly to teach the reality of true values. Jesus, the Christ, was born in a manger, and the song that the angels sang was "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." He taught not in gilded temples and ancient synagogues, but on the byways and highways where the lowly dwell and the race of men pass by. He sought not the unreality of worldly pleasures and refused a temporal kingdom. He offered not great riches that perish, but the enduring "Pearl of Great Price"—that bringeth Peace beyond all understanding, which is the fruit of the spirit. He warned of the catastrophe of gaining the world and losing the soul and taught to seek first the Kingdom of Heaven within, that all things outside thereof might be added. The keynote of his philosophy was unpretentious meekness—not brazen boldness. The precepts of his life were service—the charity of love: to give and forget the giving, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to uplift the fallen and to heal the sick—not to make a gaudy display of silks and ermines or fine raiment. The *Christian Order of the Rosy Cross* teaches and inculcates his exoteric doctrines and esoteric teachings. Jesus, the Great Initiate Master—the Master-teacher—was a prototype of what all Rosicrucian Masters must be, and *if they are not,* they are not Rosicrucians. And, therefore, they are *unworthy* to be leaders of the Holy Order or brethren of the Sacred Brotherhood.

Junket Publicity Stunts

The Antithesis of the Rosy Cross

Eight years ago (January, 1929) this pseudo-Rosicrucian and

so-called international Rosicrucian leader headed a "Mystic" junket to "Mystic Lands of Egypt," the Holy Land and Europe. A few days ago (February, 1937) he took a few of his followers on a junket to Europe and Egypt. The inducements offered to his followers to accompany him, no doubt, are numerous and varied. Some go under deception, others for the pleasure, uniqueness and notoriety of the trip. However, as to Mr. Lewis, the prime thought and sole object is *publicity for promotional purposes.* Everything is prearranged for the accomplishment of that purpose. Like the parades which precede the circuses and minstrel shows, the trumpeter announced the coming, and the banners, the glamour and the glory of the stupendous parade tell of the arrival of "the greatest show on earth." Stops are arranged at advantageous places, the *"big showoff"* is staged and well-prepared *press-releases* are freely handed out. And this—the extreme antithesis of an unpretentious, non-proselyting brotherhood, emulating the noble precept of the meek and lowly Nazarene Master—is done in the name of the Rosicrucians and under their holy symbol of the *Rosy Cross* for the promotion of a wicked fraternal racket and a nefarious swindle.

On his recent junket and as a part of his latest glamorous publicity stunt, attended with much dazzling fanfare and deceptive pomp, he staged a *great showoff* at the Hotel Martinique in New York City, whose facade displayed the large sign "ROSICRUCIANS WELCOME," with a charming young lady dressed in fine raiment, expensive furs, afternoon gowns, sport togs, gold lamé evening gowns, with all the glamorous and ostentatious appearance of society's favorite queen, a Barnum main attraction or the headliner of a Texas Guinan's night club, with a princess' purse in her hand, drinking her *first cocktails* to attract the greatest amount of attention, while he, "the jolly, talkative Rosicrucian Mogul," proudly handed out *publicity releases,* the theme of which was *"Will she find her Prince Charming?"* Let us hope she will and that all his deluded followers will find whatever they seek, but most of all let us hope, for their best interests, that they will find the *Light of Truth,* while real Rosicrucians modestly continue their search for the Holy Grail.

The *Literary Digest* collected these "marvelous" pseudo-Rosicrucian publicity releases and on February 13, 1937, published a résumé of them under headlines as follows:

"THELMA'S QUEST: *Rosicrucian Cinderella Girl Star Pilgrim on Egyptian Junket*

"Small and little known are a dozen or so non-sectarian and, in a broad sense, *non-religious orders,* which seldom arouse interest outside of their own tiny worlds.[6]

"More of a secret[7] brotherhood than a sect, they employ a system of mystical-metaphysical philosophy calculated to guide the development of the inner consciousness;[8] and often they leave the uninitiated to wonder whether they aren't religions after all.[9]

"*Oldest* and *best known* of them is the Ancient, Mystical Order Rosae Crucis[1] (Rosicrucians), which numbers about 400,000 to 500,000 throughout the world.[2] Lodge-like, the membership includes both men and women, is strongest in England, France and Germany, fairly strong in Soviet Russia and Fascist Italy. Around 50,000 dwell in the United States.

"JUNKET—Last week *Rosicrucians all over the world* watched with profound interest[3] a *junket-like* mission to Egypt led by the American Imperator of the Order, *Dr.* H. Spencer Lewis, fifty-six, short, rotund, bearded "Grand Old Man" of the mystic order on these shores. A little more than a fortnight ago, *Doctor* Lewis swung out from Rosicrucian Park, San Jose, California, national headquarters, amid the *cheers* of 300 families who live about the

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[6] How could they be unknown with nation-wide bombastic advertising, with tons of propaganda pamphlets circulated and with publicity stunts like this?

[7] According to his earlier statements, his fabrication was not a *secret* order. See quotation (2). His literature abounds with similar statements.

[8] This publicity stunt is not consistent with the idea of developing the "inner consciousness," or spirituality.

[9] This stunt most likely leaves the impression that these are pleasure seekers on a junket—not pilgrims visiting a holy shrine.

[1] Of all the mystical fabrications, undoubtedly the AMORC is *best known,* and although it *does not antedate* the year 1915, it may be the oldest of all fraternal rackets in the United States.

[2] In the beginning it was the *"most powerful"* secret organization "in the world" with "millions of members in every country on the globe." See quotation (6). In an early propaganda booklet entitled: *"Fiax",* on page 1, he says: "It is the *most powerful* secret organization in the world today with over 6,000,000 members in every country on the globe." Despite all bombastic advertising and unique publicity stunts, it would seem that it has decreased terribly in the last 25 years. In the case of *AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith,* as shown at page 518 of the *Transcript,* he testified that there were about 25,000 members all told in the United States. His membership is as flexible as his "authority" and changes with each statement that he makes. See pp. 119-120, *supra.*

[3] Do you recognize his usual propaganda? See his statement p. 486, *supra.*

colony. About 150 cohorts, *many* of them *wealthy,* accompanied him with much fanfare and pomp.[4]

"Star pilgrim was not the *jolly, talkative Rosicrucian mogul* ["Dr." Lewis], but Thelma Johnson, twenty-two, shy, soft-spoken Rosicrucian Park 'Hello' girl, who has never been more than fifty miles from home. Picked for the trip by an employees' club, Thelma was promptly dubbed *'Cinderella* of Santa Clara (San Jose) Valley,' became an object of great pride and joy to fellow members traveling with her.[5]

"PRINCESS' PURSE—As the *pilgrim train* sped across the continent to New York, Rosicrucians [!] poured out at stopovers to wish her godspeed, drop into her lap a princess' purse of $12,000. In New York, 'Cinderella' Johnson put aside her *expensive fur coat, gold lamé evening gowns, afternoon* frocks and sport togs, DRANK HER FIRST COCKTAILS and posed at the switchboard of the Hotel Martinique, whose facade displayed the sign: *'Rosicrucians Welcome!'* At her side, *Doctor* Lewis proudly handed out *publicity releases,* the theme of which was: *'Will she find her Prince Charming?'*

"With the prime object a search for wisdom, the Rosicrucian pilgrimage to Egypt takes place every five or six years,[6] includes stops with brother members at gay Mediterranean resorts before pulling up at the Heliopolis Hotel, in Cairo, Egypt.

"Chief point of interest in the land of the Pharaohs is the Great Pyramid of Cheops, which, they believe, contains the secrets of infinite wisdom." *(Literary Digest,* February 13, 1937, p. 35. The italics and capitals are ours.)

The Genuine vs. the Spurious

Since the advent of this spurious Rosicrucian fabrication, the authentic Order in America has been forced more and more to come out into the open to point out to sincere and worthy seekers the *Way to the True Temple of the Rosy Cross.* Since then we have

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[4] This, also, is typical of his general propaganda—many of his members are wealthy and of great worldly importance. In this connection recall the statement of William Riesener shown at pp. 110-111 *supra;* also, the statement of his ex-Grand Treasurer shown on p. 120 *supra,* which will show the high regard of his neighbors and why "300 families" cheered his departure, if they did.

[5] And the most important factor in the *publicity stunt.*

[6] It has been eight years since the first and the last junket took place. These junkets cannot be considered as being an institution.

continued to point out, as we have throughout these volumes, in connection with the subject matter under consideration, the *marked difference* and the *distinguishing features* between the *genuine* and spurious Rosicrucian fabrications. Chief among these is that the genuine Order only makes itself known to the extent that sincere seekers should not be denied—that it *does not* solicit and *urge* anyone to come unto it, but that all *must prove* their *worthiness* and come *seeking* of their own *free will* and *accord*. That it is only the spurious and fraudulently promoted fabrications doing business in its name and under an alleged "trademark" of its holy symbol that proselyte and solicit members with urgent, enticing propaganda and with widespread, bombastic advertisements. That the real Order is unostentatious, whereas the spurious organizations racketeering in its name go about their business of collecting the "Royal Revenues" of family hierarchies with much ballyhoo, with unique *publicity stunts* and with tricky faked demonstrations.

The Rose on the Cross of the Rosicrucians symbolizes, among other things, the *Saviour*—THE CHRIST. Insofar as it symbolizes Jesus, the Great Master of the Christian dispensation and *Him upon the Cross* pointing salvation to the world, it has been referred to as the *Rose of Sharon* on the rough and unpolished wooden *Cross of the Poor,* that is, poor in worldly goods, but rich in spirit in that they are seekers of the *Holy Grail* and *The Pearl of Great Price.* Thus we see the Rosy Cross—the symbol of the Rosicrucians—in another of its aspects.

Surely, it must be apparent that essentially and foremost the Rosicrucian Order is a Secret School of Spiritual development, and that its symbol, the Rosy Cross, tells of the teachings and precepts of the Great Master-teacher—Jesus the Nazarene—who taught the rich man to sell his goods, to give to the poor and to follow his example in meekness, and who leads us *not into temptation,* but *away from it.* Therefore, it is a shame—a *notorious scandal*—for a charlatan—a *fraternal racketeer*—to lead a caravan of pleasure seekers, *"many of them wealthy,"* on a junket to the Mystic Land of the Ancient Priesthood as an advertising and publicity stunt to further promote a wicked swindle, with an innocent, charming young girl as the central figure, dressed in fine raiment and drink-

ing her *first cocktails.*[3]

By His Own Acts and Statements

He Proves His Fabrication to Be a Fraud

In this chapter we have made a brief, supplemental review of a part of his many contradictory, false claims to Rosicrucian authority; we have directed attention to a few of his irreconcilable statements of how he organized his fabrication, and we have pointed out a few of his acts wholly inconsistent with true Rosicrucian Mastership. It is his story as told and acted by himself. Nowhere in this broad land can there be found "twelve good men and true"—a jury of his peers—who would believe his changing, crooked, contradictory and impossible story when it is properly and fully presented to them.

By his own deeds, out of his own mouth and with his recorded and published statements is his spurious R. C. Order and Rosicrucian Brotherhood shown to be a delusion and a fraud.

There is other evidence—*an abundance of other evidence,* yet within his own propaganda literature and the record as made and recorded by himself there is to be found sufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt and to a moral certainty that his Masonically promoted, so-called Rosicrucian Order is a nefarious fraternal swindle.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are aware that throughout this work and especially in this chapter we have violated the standard rules for the use of italics and capitals. However, there have been so many matters to which attention should be directed and so many comparisons to be made, we trust, therefore, that the reader will join us in the belief that the violation of those rules of good composition have been amply justified.

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[3] Mr. Lewis' acts here described become reprehensible and almost unforgivable, when we consider that he knew the *humility* that is becoming unto a Rosicrucian, and how a Rosicrucian Master should live. See his statements in quotations (17) and (18), and in Chapter III, on pp. 168 to 172, *supra,* where he describes the dangers of his organization "falling into the quagmire of materialism" and where he describes his fair "Temple of Alden" nestled close to nature where he could hold communion with God and act like a Rosicrucian Master, whom he fain would imitate.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 64

This spurious "PAPER OF SPONSORSHIP"—*Made in America,* but purporting to have come from France—is Pronunziamento No. 987,432, with 9 signatures and 5 seals—none of which bear Rosicrucian symbols. However, the one in the lower left corner is a Masonic signature seal. It is a "strange-looking" *device of fraud.* See text and quotations (35), (36) and (38). Note the seal in lower right corner. This is the "Sign of the American Publication Committee"—See Reproduction No. 68.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 65

THE SUN, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1918.

GRAND IMPERATOR GRIEVED AT ARREST

Prying Detectives Want to Know About Those Gold Bonds and Things.

SPENT NIGHT IN A CELL

Cult Leader Asserts Purpose of Organization Had No Taint of Money Getting.

Half a dozen detectives attached to the District Attorney's office were examining meaning sateen sashes, robes and other regalia—taken in the raid of the headquarters of the so-called American order of the Rosae Crucis.

While they were still going over the papers, books and other paraphernalia of various kinds collected in the raid that was described exclusively in THE SUN yesterday H. Spencer Lewis, who had been variously described as the main works, the grand imperator, the most perfect master profundis and illustrious brother of the illuminati of the world, was explaining to THE SUN that his arrest, detention and examination taken altogether comprised one of the greatest outrages ever perpetrated upon a real and regular Rosae Crucian.

Grand Imperator Lewis was arrested on Monday night in a spectacular raid on the headquarters of his organization in the old Lily Lantry house at 361 West Twenty-third street. Two or three dozen of his followers tried to get bail, but the Grand Imperator had to spend the night in a cell.

Gold Bonds Figure in Charge.

Lewis was arraigned yesterday in Jefferson Market Court before Magistrate Hilu on a short affidavit sworn to by Detective-Lieutenant Joseph Russo, alleging suspicion of larceny of money through the sale of bonds of the so-called American Order of the Rosae Crucis. Lewis was later released under $5,000 for examination to-morrow.

Lewis gave his name as Harvey S. Lewis, although he is known among the members of his cult as H. Spencer Lewis. The charge against him is based on statements of Miss Elizabeth Meeker of 70 Fifth avenue, who at one time was a member of Lewis's organization, and who, when the financial affairs of the so-called order was somewhat strained, declares that she handed over a hundred dollar bill, subsequently receiving one of the 6 per cent. gold bonds of the Ancient and Mystic Order of Rosae Crucis.

Miss Meeker explained yesterday that her contribution had been given without solicitation in October of 1916, that she received the bond with a receipt for the money paid, and that she had also received $6 interest. She admitted, however, that after attending several meetings of the organization she felt compelled to withdraw as a member.

From his home in Flushing last night Lewis told a reporter for THE SUN that at no time had his organization—the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis—ever claimed to be operating as a branch of the Rosae Crucis organization in France. "We have never claimed to hold any warrant, charter, patent or authority from any foreign country," he said over the telephone.

Studies of the Occult.

The allegations against Lewis are that he has disposed of several thousand dollars worth of bonds upon the representation that his organization was a recognized branch of a worldwide institution devoted to studies of the occult.

Among the papers seized in Lewis's desk on Monday night is a piece of parchment headed "Pronunziamento R. F. R. C., No. 987601." The document is adorned with a number of crude seals, dated Toulouse, France, September 20, 1916, and signed by one Jean Jordain. After the signature follow a series of hieroglyphics. In the body of the document addressed to Le Secretaire-General, Thor Klimalehto, appears the announcement that a separate jurisdiction of the Rosae Crucis order has been established in America under the supreme pontif, High Ancient Shekah El Moria Ra of Memphis and that the official seal is being forwarded to the Most Perfect Master Profundis H. Spencer Lewis at New York.

Honors for American Master.

In the February, 1916, number of the *American Rosae Crucis*, which is described on the first page as a monthly magazine devoted to science, philosophy and religion, a picture of Lewis in his robes of office appears, and in reference to him is this statement:

But in 1909 our Master journeyed to France and England to complete his preparation for the Rosaecrucian work—which always seemed to be his goal—and he was given several honors and titles by the French R. C. order. By agreement with the supreme council in France and Egypt the permission, long sought by scientists and earnest philosophical students, was given unto our Master to establish the R. C. Order in America in the year 1915."

When he was arraigned in court yesterday Mark Ellison, counsel for Lewis, declared that the District Attorney had produced no proof to show that Lewis ever received a dollar in cash for the bonds he is alleged to have sold.

An account of the Imperator's arrest in New York in 1918. Of the fact that he was arrested, *there is no doubt*—yet in 1933 he had a Superior Court of California *find* and record in its records *as a fact* that he has *never been arrested.* Then he used the false finding as propaganda in his Booklet "Guilty." If it is not a fraud upon the Court to do that—then, to say the least, it is a dangerous abuse of the Court and a flagrant misuse of the Court's public records.

AMORC

OF NORTH AMERICA

AFFILIATED WITH "ANTIQUUM ARCANUM ORDINEM
ROSAE RUBEAE ET AUREAE CRUCIS"
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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AMORC UNIVERSITY, INC.
AMORC MOVEMENT
NATIONAL ROSICRUCIAN LODGE, INC.
THE ROSAECRUCIAN ORDER OF THE GREAT WHITE BROTHERHOOD, INC.
FOREIGN LEGATION AND MINISTRARO
AMORC RADIO CHURCH OF AMERICA
THE PRISTINE CHURCH OF THE ROSE CROSS, INC.

SUPREME SANCTUM FOR
NORTH AMERICA
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., U.S.A.

Beloved Seeker,
Greetings!

This is a letterhead used by Mr. Lewis in San Francisco, after he reorganized his fabrication from 1920 to 1925. Although he denies that his spurious R. C. Order has anything to do with religion yet he operated the *"AMORC Radio Church of America"* and *"The Pristine Church of the Rose Cross, Inc."*, as shown above. His so-called *"AMORC University, Inc."*, the *"National Rosicrucian Lodge, Inc."*, and *"The Rosaecrucian Order of the Great White Brotherhood, Inc."*, were never incorporated. These were false representations used to promote his fraudulent enterprise. There are several devices of fraud shown on this letterhead, used to entice and mislead the *"Beloved Seeker"*.

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FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 67

AMERICAN OFFICERS

The following Officers of the Grand Lodge of America constitute the Foundation Board for the United States and Dependencies:

H. Spencer Lewis, F. R. C.,
Grand Master General,
Address: New York City.

Thor Kiimalehto, K. R. C.,
Secretary General,
Office and R. C. Library, 80 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City

Estelle Swail
~~**David Jerrold Loria, K. R. C.**~~
Treasurer General,
Address: 1126 ~~Union Avenue~~, N. Y. City

MAY BANKS-STACEY, S. R. C., Matre.

NICHOLAS STORM, K. R. C., Deputy Master General.

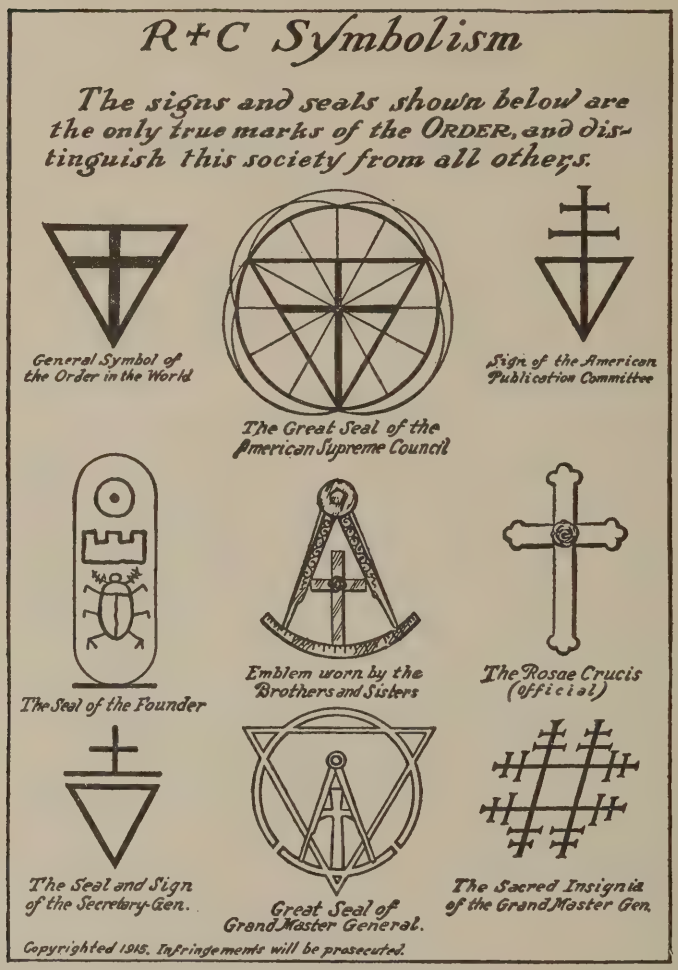
Miss ADALINE WHEELOCK, S. R. C..
Secretary, American Supreme Council, A. M. O. R. C.

All communications regarding membership, Initiations and dates of meetings, should be addressed to the Secretary General. Applications for State or Local Lodges, courses of reading or study, and official private correspondence should be addressed to the Grand Master General. All remittances should be made payable and addressed to the Treasurer General.

~~WM. P. M. SIMS~~, Prelate and Organizer-at-Large.

These were the first officers of his fabrication as shown on page 16 of his first propaganda booklet. Note that Mr. Lewis was then the "Grand Master General" and that the secretary and the treasurer also had Masonic titles of the Order of Memphis and Mizraim. Note, also, that he had an Organizer-at-large, such as Thomson used to promote his Masonic Fraud. Whether the "Foundation Board" and the "Foundation Committee" were one and the same, it would be hard to determine. Now he is the *Imperator;* his son is the *Grand Secretary* and his family is the *"Foundation Board."*

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 68



This is page 5 of his first propaganda booklet. The Rosy Cross (The Rosae Crucis) is the only Rosicrucian symbol shown. The others are Masonic in their nature or devices of his own designing. See text. Note that his spurious French "Paper of Sponsorship"—Reproduction No. 64—is sealed with the *"Sign of the American Publication Committee."* He made the "Seal" and the "sign" and placed them upon his "Paper of Sponsorship."

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 69

The
Ancient and Mystical Order
Rosae Crucis
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ITS HISTORY, PURPOSES
AND SYMBOLISM

By H. SPENCER LEWIS, F. R. C.
(12° ILLUMINATI, TOULOUSE, FRANCE)

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION
NUMBER TWO
A. M. O. R. C.

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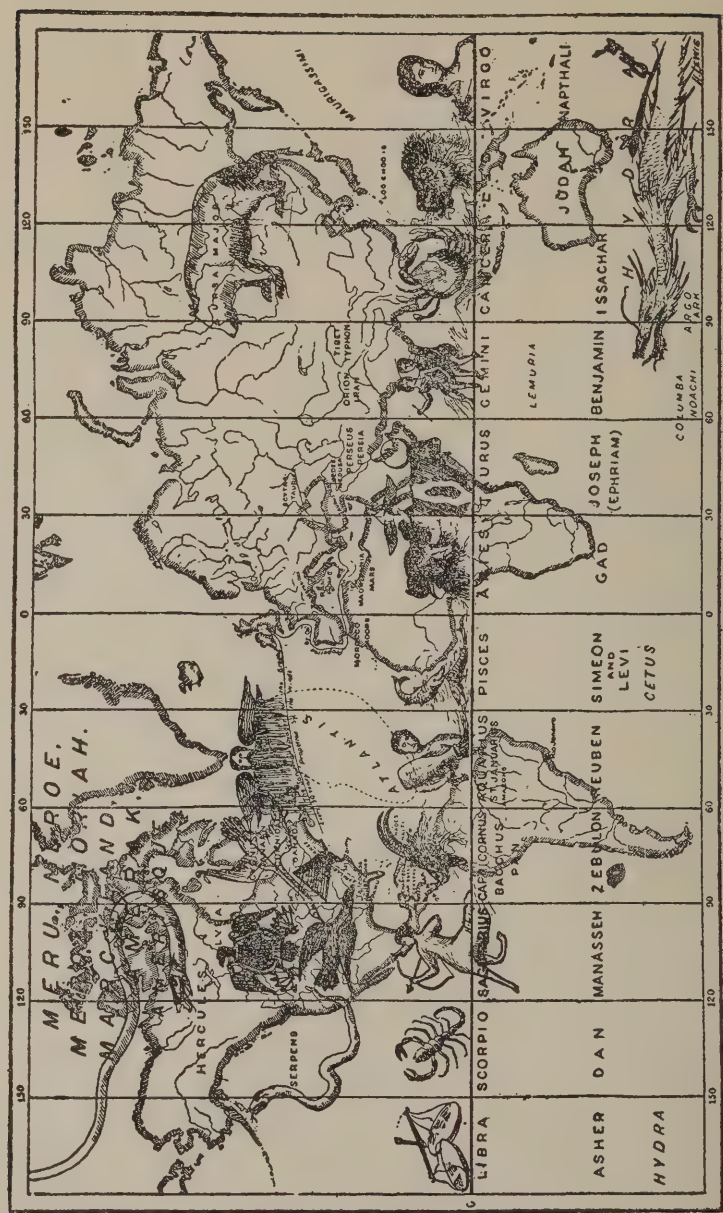
AMERICAN SUPREME COUNCIL

This is the Title page of his first propaganda booklet referred to in the text and from which Reproduction Nos. 67 and 68 were made. It purports to give his first history of his fabrication. Since then he has written two other "Complete and authentic" histories thereof. Note that he claims to be a Twelfth Degree Member of the Illuminati, Toulouse, France. He has since dropped that title and laid claims to many others. He has since contradicted and repudiated most of his statements made in this booklet which purports to set forth his true claims to Rosicrucian authority and authenticity.

Rosaecrucian Map of the World, 1300 B. C.



This is a miserable misrepresentation and an *Artifice of Fraud.* This copyrighted map was taken from a book which has naught to do with the Rosicrucian Order. See text.

FAC-SIMILE REPRODUCTION No. 71

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS, OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

TRADE-MARK FOR MONTHLY MAGAZINE AND CERTAIN NAMED PUBLICATIONS. a

ACT OF FEBRUARY 20, 1905.

145,313. **Registered Aug. 2, 1921.**

Application filed October 28, 1920. Serial No. 138,912.

STATEMENT.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it knwn that the ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS, an unincorporated body, having its headquarters located in the city and county of San Francisco, State of California, and doing business at 1297 Market street, San Francisco, California, have adopted and used the trade-mark shown in the accompanying drawing, for a periodical publication published monthly and for printed, engraved, typewritten, and photographic copies of official, prescribed, and copyrighted lectures, dissertations, scientific postulations, philosophical discourses, and academic studies, diagrams, illustrations, and charts, in Class 38, Prints and publications. b c

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The trade-mark is applied to or impressed in a prominent position on the periodical.

ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL
ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS,
By H. SPENCER LEWIS,
Imperator.

DECLARATION.

State of California, county of San Francisco, ss:

H. SPENCER LEWIS, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the imperator of the unincorporated body, the applicant named in the foregoing statement; that he believes the foregoing statement is true; that he believes said body to be the owner of the trade-mark sought to be registered; that no other persón, firm, corporation, or association, to the best of his knowledge and belief, has the right to use said trade-mark in the United States, either in the identical form or in any such near resemblance thereto as might be calculated to deceive; that said trade-mark is used by said body in commerce among the several States of the United States (and between the United States and foreign nations or Indian tribes); that the description and drawing presented truly represent the trade-mark sought to be registered; that the specimens show the trade-mark as actually used upon the goods. c

ANCIENT AND MYSTICAL
ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS.
By H. SPENCER LEWIS,
Imperator.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of January, 1921.

[L. S.] C. B. SESSIONS,
Notary Public.

This is the Registration of a Trade-Mark which Mr. Lewis has falsely represented to be a United States Patent giving him the right to the exclusive use of the Rosicrucian name and symbols. It is nothing of the kind. It is a *Trade-Mark* for a monthly magazine, and certain named publications. See "a" and "b". Note that it is to be used "in commerce" at "c". He has used this as an Artifice of Fraud.

CHAPTER SIX

CONTROLLED COMMITTEES AND CONVENTIONS USED AS A SMOKE SCREEN FOR A FAMILY RACKET

Its True Nature and Exact Status Revealed

It takes some skill and considerable audacity to fabricate a spurious occult, mystic or fraternal order; it requires more dexterity and adroitness to conduct such a fraudulent scheme and swindling device for a period of twenty years under the sacred name of a holy order; it calls for considerably more deftness and cunning to build it into a gigantic swindle, to make it gross a million or more per year and to absolutely control and convert it into a *Family Racket,* but it necessitates the heights of superb cunning and unusual resourcefulness when exposed to use the exploited victims as instruments of defense, as a shield for guilt and as spokesmen of his innocence.

Biblical students will recall how the crafty Jacob, when his brother was famishing for food, purchased the Birthright of Esau with a mess of pottage[1] and later how Jacob, by deceptive means—the use of hair-covered gloves—deceived his father and robbed his brother of a kingdom and his blessing.

> "And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, the voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands; so he blessed him. And he said, *Art* thou my very own son Esau? And he said, I *am.*" (*Genesis* 27:22-24)

And it recently came to pass that another, with all of the deceptive arts of Jacob increased many fold, fabricated a spurious R. C. Order, attempted to trademark its honorable name and sacred emblem and, as the self-appointed Imperator of a Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering, set up a kingdom therein all his own, for his own aggrandizement and the luxurious support and enjoyment

[1] Genesis 25:24 to 34.

of himself and family. With this fraudulent scheme and plausible device he has deceived thousands and robbed them of their sustenance and ideals as valuable as their birthrights.

The Hands of Esau—The Voice of Jacob

And it also came to pass, when his fraudulent scheme and fraternal swindle, conducted as a family racket, was exposed, that he answered *not in his own name* and *with truth,* but in the names of "VOLUNTARY COMMITTEES" and "UNANIMOUS CONVENTIONS" and *with falsehood.* It came about in this way: When confronted with *truth* and the *exposure* of his fraudulent scheme and fraternal racket—which culminated immediately prior to the 1935 convention[2]—by subtle suggestion and cunning designing he caused to be appointed certain "voluntary" committees to investigate the charges. Before these committees, acting under the duress of his cunning and plausible deception, he appeared and explained to them how *their* great "Order" (which is not their "Order" after all) and its noble "Imperator" had been slandered by these exposures and "proved" the "utter falsity" of our *absolutely true charges* by exhibiting to the committees deleted and mutilated documents, falsified and misrepresented "charters" and manufactured evidence, as we have shown in preceding chapters herein.

In this manner he shaped and dictated the reports of his several "voluntary" committees, which were consolidated in the report of a "special" committee concerning which he makes the following statement:

> "WHAT THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTED—After the special 'Administration and Welfare' committee, voluntarily formed at the 1935 Convention, had completed its five-day investigation and inquiry into the charges made by Clymer in his books, and by the other defamers of the Order, it presented its 57-page report to the Convention, after each member of the Committee had read it and

[2] Although the exposure of this fraudulent scheme has been going on for years, as herein shown, yet during the early part of 1935 several members, including his former Grand Treasurer, had exposed the scheme, the suit of the Smiths, of Colorado, was filed in the Federal Court at San Francisco, and our pamphlets, now republished as Books Two, Three, Four and Five in Volume I, were published. All of these serious exposures caused him to take action at the July Convention, 1935, to make a plausible reply thereto in the name of "committees" with the approval of "a unanimous convention."

signed his or her name [and sworn to] before a notary, attesting to its correctness.[3]

"We offer herewith [*in White Book D*] the 'Conclusion' of that long report, as read to the *Convention and* ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY —*without a single dissenting voice.*[4] (Other committees voluntarily formed at the Convention had also investigated many of the charges from special angles, and also voted, therefore, on this report);

" 'The voluntary members of the "Administration and Welfare Committee" desire to report that a careful, exhaustive [!] search and investigation of the records, including correspondence, audits and all available data, *as well as lengthy interviews* with the several enemies of the Order, reveal that the charges made are fictitious, without foundation, and represent a vilification of the various Officers of the Order, and are also false claims and exaggerations of petty instances, as well as heckling. It is evident that their motives are: by innuendo, falsification and high-pressure means, to place the officers of the Order on the defensive and in a false light; and through clever distortion of the Officers' proper and well-meaning acts develop friction within the Order so as to disrupt it and cause the members to demand a change in the Constitution, in order that certain *sinister influences* may assume control of the Order and dominate its future activities for a *selfish purpose* and *private gain,* and thus place the organization in the *very category*[5] with which they have falsely charged both the Order and its present Officers.' " (*White Book D,* p. 37.)

VOLUNTARY AND UNANIMOUS—It is one of the many cunning tricks and artifices of the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy to make it appear that his every act and deed has been voluntarily, enthusiastically and unanimously approved and ratified by all of his *paying* members in conventions duly assembled. Upon its face *White Book D*—purporting to "whitewash" Mr. Lewis and his family racket—it may purport to be under the *hands* and *oaths* of the delusioned and misled "voluntary committees" and the "unanimous convention"; but, be ye not deceived, it is the *voice* of the

[3] Certainly the signatures and oaths of deceived and misled members cannot attest the correctness or the truth of a false report deceptively procured.

[4] The capitals and italics are ours. Having things done "unanimously" is an overworked artifice and device of fraud, as we have seen.

[5] The italics are ours. Note the usual method of confusion and the charging of others with doing or attempting to do that of which he is guilty. See Note 1, p. 154, *supra.*

"Imperator" proclaiming his own innocence (?) and blessing his own racket—it is another case of the *"hand of Esau"* with the *"voice of Jacob"* perpetuating a modern family fraud.

He Enters a Plea of Confession And Avoidance by Way of Justification

Speaking with the voice of Jacob under the hands of Esau, he states the charge and his "voluntary" committee finds that although the charge of Clymer is true, to wit: that they have converted AMORC into a family racket, yet, nevertheless, he is entirely justified in *usurping* all the rights, powers and authority of the organization because he and his family incorporated the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC; therefore, *it belongs to them;* because "all foreign Rosicrucian authority [?] and documents were in the personal name of H. Spencer Lewis[6] and not in a group of persons". Therefore, none have any rights or any voice in the management of AMORC, save and except the Lewis Hierarchy, and because "no one else has put in any claim to the right of directing AMORC." Therefore, the Lewis family have the sole and exclusive right!

Under his charge and reply "NUMBER TEN" Mr. Lewis says:

> "Clymer charged that the 'Lewis family' was 'usurping' the power and authority of the organization and running it 'in their own way' without *proper authorization.*[7]
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> "The Committee found that in the original incorporation papers the State of California granted to the Imperator and his wife, the Supreme Secretary and his wife, and one other fifth person, *the right to have the sole voting power of the organization,* inasmuch as H. Spencer Lewis and his wife and the others were the originators as well as incorporators of the AMORC Supreme Grand Lodge and that all foreign Rosicrucian authority [!] and documents were in the personal name of H. Spencer Lewis and not a 'group of persons'. The Committee made inquiries through legal channels

[6] We have shown in the preceding chapters that he possessed no Rosicrucian authority and that his "documents" are snares and delusions.

[7] This is Mr. Lewis' way of stating our charge, which is that he organized a fraudulent R. C. Order and converted it into a family racket. He states the charge in his own peculiar manner that he may make the argument and set up the subterfuges in the name of the committee that follow.

and found that the corporation of AMORC *is a perfectly correct one in every legal sense,* and that the Imperator and his family or associates are not *'usurping' any authority* that belongs to anyone else, inasmuch as no one else (except Charles D. Dean, now deceased and his place filled by Dr. Le Brun) was ever connected with the corporation and no one *has put in any claim to the right of directing the AMORC* in place of the present directors. THE CONVENTION ITSELF VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT IT WOULD HAVE NO ONE ELSE BUT THE PRESENT OFFICERS. How can anyone be a 'usurper' of some authority if there never was anyone else in possession of that authority, and no one else comes forward and claims it? This was the very embarrassing question asked by the Court during one of the conspiracy trials. The conspirators could not answer.[8] Why does Clymer use such a tricky word as 'usurper'? And how can he *intelligently* and *honestly* charge that the Lewises are illegally or wrongfully managing a movement which they established and incorporated? Is not such a charge grossly malicious to any thinking person?" *(White Book D,* pp. 34-35. The capitals are ours.)

A Lewistonian Enigma

Admitting that the AMORC is run entirely by his family and another appointed by himself and family; that they have the sole voting power of the organization, and asserting their right to the absolute control and management thereof by virtue of being the *originators* and incorporators of the AMORC Supreme Grand Lodge and because all alleged Rosicrucian authority is in his name, therefore the members of AMORC have no rights or voice in the management thereof and no choice as to who shall manage the same.

Yet, in the face of his asserted absolute control and the sole right of his family to manage the affairs of AMORC, he asserts that the convention, which was supposed to represent members who have *no voting rights* and *no voice in the management,* vote "unani-

[8] This refers to the case of AMORC *vs.* Geo. L. Smith, which we reviewed in Chapter I, *supra.* There was only one so-called conspiracy trial, and Smith was the only so-called conspirator present. We have carefully reviewed the record in that case, and no such question was asked by the Court. This is a gratuitous statement by Mr. Lewis, inasmuch as he would have it appear that the charges made are the result of an illegal conspiracy. It is another artifice to detract attention from the truth of the charges and to forestall investigation.

mously that it would have no one else but the present officers," that is, the Lewis family, to manage the AMORC.

At and prior to the time he wrote the foregoing statement, that "no one has put in any claim to the right of directing the AMORC in place of the present directors," there was pending in the United States District Court at San Francisco a case styled: *Roy W. Smith and A. E. Smith and others vs. Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystic Order of Rosae Crucis, a corporation, the Lewis family and others,* in which the right of the members of AMORC to have a voice in the management thereof was asserted, which Mr. Lewis and his son Ralph vigorously contested. We shall have frequent occasion to refer to this case and the testimony of the Lewises in connection therewith later on in this chapter. However, since the title of the case is lengthy, we shall refer to it as the *"Federal Case"*.

In the Federal Case he testified that the government of AMORC is *autocratic*[9]; that it is vested solely in himself and his family, and another appointed by them, as the Board of Directors of the incorporated Supreme Grand Lodge, and that:

> "At no time have we ever submitted *any matters to be voted upon to any of the members,* except the five who are now on the Board of Directors.[1] There never has been a proposition submitted to the general membership for a vote or action. *We have allowed them to make recommendations at our conventions,* but we have never allowed them to vote on anything having to do with the administration of funds, and there is not a single member who has ever voted upon that, except those on the board of directors." *(Federal Case, Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 217-218. The italics are ours.)

In view of the foregoing, one wonders *why* the convention should vote or *how* the convention could vote "unanimously" that it would have none other than the Lewis family to manage the organization. The convention's rights and powers, at the most, are only advisory and without binding force or effect. Is this Lewistonian trick of having or pretending to have conventions alleged to represent the membership "unanimously" approve his pretended Rosicrucian authority and the absolute "autocratic" right of his family to control

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[9] See Part Three of Chapter IV, pp. 355 to 363, *supra.*

[1] The Board of Directors consisted of H. Spencer Lewis, his wife, his son Ralph and his wife and another whom they could "hire or fire" as they saw fit.

and manage the AMORC an enigma—a buffoonery—a typical inconsistency, or is it a *badge of fraud?*

All "Authority" Vested in Him

Following the organization of his fraudulent device, called the FUDOSI, reviewed in Chapter Four, *supra;* with its recognition and Marc Lanval's certification (our Reproduction No. 52, p. 526 *supra)* of the authenticity of his spurious R. C. Order in mind; with many additional "charters", honors and powers granted to him through the FUDOSI in hand, and in reply to the demands of certain of his members that the membership be given a voice in the management of AMORC, Mr. Lewis, in his organ for the members only, in December, 1934, addressed his members who furnish the "Royal Revenues" and support his family hierarchy as follows:

> "OUR OTHER CHARTERS—Incidentally, I would like to say as a mere passing remark, and for the sake of having it *go on record,* that *all* of the *authority* for the *Rosicrucian Order* [?] of AMORC and for the Rosicrucian activities in North America has always been granted to one individual, *your present Imperator.* None of the charters [!] or powers of authority has ever been granted to any group of individuals in North America, or to any incorporated body, or any regularly formed organizations. You can well understand that such *high powers* and *authority* [!!] cannot be granted to groups, but only to an individual. And so all of the *best* documents, charters, authority, warrants, and other papers of authorization possessed by the AMORC, and *all* of the *new ones*[2] representing the other thirteen organizations of the Federation [FUDOSI] have been granted to the *Imperator personally.* That is, he can transmit this only to another individual as *hereditary*[3] transfer of his power, and, of course, it cannot be seized or appropriated by any other person or group of persons, for such authority is not a tangible something that can be bartered or sold, or regularly appropriated without the consent and the actual approval of the one who holds it. A person holding such authority may organize and appoint a group of associates constituting HIS *Supreme Council* and *Supreme Lodge,* but the *Imperator holds the autocratic position of exclusive possessor of the power and authority.*[4] I say this in answer to some of the

[2] See Parts One and Four of Chapter IV, *supra.*

[3] See Chapter IV, pp. 355 to 359, *supra.*

[4] We have seen in Chapters IV and V, *supra;* that he possesses no Rosicrucian

ridiculous things that have been said in the past few years by some of our friendly enemies who have asserted that they believed that they could secure legally the right to operate the Rosicrucian organization in North America by some legal process of transferring the authority to another group of members, or by demanding that the present Supreme Council of AMORC transfer its authority to another Supreme Council.[5] It is not quite clear in my mind what the foolish plan is that some of these persons had in mind, but anyone or everyone who knows anything about the authority granted, in such instances, knows that there could be no Rosicrucian Order in North America operating under any authority or charters which I possess, unless I, *as Imperator,* agreed to it and approved of the organization.

"Of course, this also means that I, *solely,* am responsible for the administration of the organization, and the activities of those that I appoint in the administrative body under me. If I find that *any* of the *officers* associated with me or who are assisting in carrying out the authority I have, are not *competent,* or NOT DEPENDABLE,[6] or not living up to the spirit of the organization, I have the *right to dismiss them* from *whatever position* they hold, the same *as I have the right to dismiss a mere employe or office worker* who is engaged in some of the activities of our various departments." (*Rosicrucian Forum,* December, 1934, p. 70. The capitals and italics are ours.)

In the foregoing quoted statements of Mr. Lewis we have a clear and definite declaration of his viewpoint and his asserted claims. However, all of his assertions and arguments are predicated upon the false and fraudulent claim that he possesses Rosicrucian authority, rightfully exercised, and that he is the legal head of the authentic Rosicrucian Order or Brotherhood in North America.

He Made AMORC—It Belongs to Him

Inasmuch as Mr. Lewis created the AMORC and has carried it

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authority and that his so-called "best" and "important" documents, charters, warrants and "papers of authorization" are snares and delusions—mere devices of fraud.

[5] There have been several "Supreme Councils" of the AMORC, as we have seen in Chapter V, *supra,* and as we shall further see as we proceed.

[6] After trying out many different "Supreme Councils" composed of a different number of people at different times, and composed of Grand Masters of his Grand Lodges, he found them all *incompetent* and *undependable.* Therefore, he constituted his family the *Supreme* Council, who are *dependable* and who depend on AMORC for their livelihood and support.

on as an enterprise for his self-exaltation and glorification, and the support of himself and family, his argument that he and his family had a right to incorporate it in 1928, to regard it as their own and to run it as they please, at first blush and upon its face, appears plausible as being based upon the principle that an inventor is entitled to enjoy the fruits of his invention and to take the necessary legal steps to reserve them for the exclusive benefit of himself, family, heirs and assigns.

However, the plausibility is *prima facie* only and does not take into account the fact that it is a fraudulent Rosicrucian Order, and no man or his family have a right to incorporate an illegal enterprise; that he organized it as a fraternal organization and no man has a right to carry on a fraternal swindle functioning as a corporation with himself and family as the board of directors and operated for the sole support of himself and family; and, but for the fact that he has made certain representations as to the nature of the government and the governing body of AMORC and the status and rights of members, which we will now consider.

Let us be warned, that here—as usual—we will find his statements on this subject—as on all subjects—to be a twisted mass of contradictions.

In his propagandic literature, issued and circulated to induce individuals to join his fraternal enterprise, he has stressed the rights, privileges and advantages of the membership in his alleged order. On the other hand, in his various constitutions, rules, regulations, legal structure and incorporation of the Supreme Grand Lodge he has restricted and completely annulled all rights and privileges of the members and reserved all such rights and privileges to himself and family.

Who Are the Members of the "Order"?

From 1915, when he launched his spurious Order Rosae Crucis, until very recently he has been soliciting and inviting every one to become *members* of "our Order". In 1916 he stated that he was possessed of the blessings of the "Masters" which they sent to America, and that he in turn gave them to his "Brothers and Sisters of the *Order* Rosae Crucis in the United States."[7] That on

[7] See quotation (23), Chapter V, *supra*.

May 13, 1915, the first officers, supreme councilors and a few others were "duly initiated into *the Order*" and were "raised to the dignity of Knights, Sorores, Brothers and Sisters of the Order Rosae Crucis."[8] And in describing his "FIRST ROSICRUCIAN TEMPLE IN THE U. S. A." he said:

> "All in all this is a Temple of which every Rosaecrucian will be proud. We shall be glad to have *members of our Order* from any city visit us at any time and enjoy our rooms and the facilities for study and pleasure afforded in every possible way." *(American Rosae Crucis,* March, 1916, p. 9. The italics are ours.)

In 1929 in an article describing the wonderful headquarters then recently established in San Jose, California, and the various important operations and fields of activity of the Order and in addressing the members of AMORC generally, Mr. Lewis said:

> "Personally, I extend to *each one of you,* wherever you live, and in whatever grade of the work you may be, an invitation to come and visit Headquarters, and see with your own eyes what is being done and what is being accomplished. Do not forget that the *Supreme Temple,* the *Supreme Lodge,* and all the Officers [*offices*] and departments at Headquarters *constitute your home* and *your national center of interest* in the work we are doing. We want you to have a share of interest in our Headquarters and that YOU ARE PERSONALLY A MEMBER OF THE SUPREME LODGE IN EVERY SENSE. Therefore, on this occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the present cycle of our organization in America, I send each of you the cordial greetings of fellowship and extend my hand to you as a brother. I assure you that the organization values your membership as I personally value your friendship and your hearty co-operation in the work that lies before us." *(The Mystic Triangle,* July, 1929, p. 163. The capitals and italics are ours.)

In his propaganda booklet *The Light of Egypt,* first issued in 1928 and circulated during the years 1928 to 1931—*during the time* he was incorporating the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, amending its charter and converting "the Order" into his family racket—writing under the prominent headline of "INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER" extended to everyone, he said:

> "THOSE TO WHOM THIS BOOK IS SENT RECEIVE A LETTER USUALLY INVITING THEM TO BECOME A *member of the Order.*

[8] See quotation (33), Chapter V, *supra.*

> NONE ARE INVITED TO BECOME MERE *students* OF A COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS. AS A *member* OF THE ORDER YOU ARE ENTITLED TO EVERY BENEFIT OF *any kind* THE ORDER HAS TO OFFER AND WHICH MAY BE ADDED IN THE FUTURE." (*The Light of Egypt,* 1930 and 1931, p. 28, Mr. Lewis' italics.)

His propagandic literature is replete with such statements and many other quotations to the same effect could be produced if space permitted. However, from his foregoing statements it appears certain and beyond cavil that in 1929 he regarded *all* members of AMORC not only as members of *the "Order"* but also as members of the *Supreme Lodge in every sense,* and as late as 1930 and 1931 he was still inviting and soliciting *everyone* to become members of *the Order* with *every benefit* and privilege, not "mere students" or members of the "Brotherhood" to which he now says all the members belong—while the Lewis family alone are members of *the Order.* On September 1, 1930, by an amendment to the corporate charter of the Supreme Lodge, the Lewis family and another appointed by them became the only members of the corporation controlling and managing the AMORC, as we shall presently see. Therefore in his next propaganda booklet (First edition 1932, fourth edition 1934) a "Sealed Book" entitled: *"The Wisdom of the Sages"* in his "First Words to the Reader" he changes his invitation to read as follows:

> "READ CAREFULLY EACH PAGE, EACH PARAGRAPH! Place yourself in a quiet, restful mood, alone if possible, and permit the author to reveal to you the picture, the plan, the purpose leading to attainment, power, success, and—Illumination.
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> "This book is gladly given to you. It carries with it the cordial invitation to attune yourself with The Invincible Empire and *Conquer.*
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> "Start with the next page, and without missing or passing a word or a line, in orderly progression follow the development of its unique message.
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> "You are a privileged seeker, indeed, and the AMORC welcomes you within its PRIVATE DOMAINS." (*The Wisdom of the Sages,* 1933, first inside cover page. The capitals are ours.)

Who Originally Governed the AMORC?

In his first propaganda booklet issued in 1915 Mr. Lewis repre-

sented to the public[9] that "The American Supreme Council is now in charge of the Order's affairs in America;" that " the Order in America will operate under its Charter[1] signed by the Council" and that "the American Council and Officers of the Grand Lodge will have the supreme power in all Rosicrucian matters in the United States and dependencies."

However, after the supreme council, in charge of "the Order's" affairs in America had elected him "Grand Master General and Imperator" as we have seen,[2] two years later by virtue of the leadership of his fabrication he secured the adoption by "the Order" of the Constitution of 1917 for the AMORC which provided that the "Government of the Order in North America shall rest with and be exclusively in the hands of the Imperator" and that the "American Supreme Council shall constitute a *nominal* executive board for the administration of the Order in America" but to be appointed by and subservient to the wishes of the "Imperator", who is the "Supreme autocratic Executive of the Order in North America".[3] In this manner he retained the complete control of his own invention and fabrication and constitutionally declared himself to be the autocratic ruler thereof.

As to "The American Supreme Council" it was provided that:

> "This body shall consist of the officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and such additional *Brothers and Sisters of the Order,* in *any Lodge,* as may be selected by the Imperator or the Supreme Grand Master to make a total of *twenty-five* Supreme Grand Councilors." (Sec. 1, Art. Five, Constitution, 1917. The italics are ours.)

In 1921, in his *"Pronunziamento 777",* the major portion of which was quoted in Chapter V,[4] after asserting that "the Order"

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[9] See quotation (11), Chapter V, *supra.*

[1] With the Constitution of 1917, published in New York, 1917, he published a copy of his first "Charter"—same as quotation (32) in Chapter V, beneath which he states that the "charter" was signed by nineteen men and women. Compare this with his statement, quotation (30) in Chapter V, where he said the same "charter" was signed by twenty-five Councilors, and quotation (73) in Chapter V, where he said it was signed by fifty-two charter members.

[2] See quotation (30), Chapter V, *supra.*

[3] See Sections 1 and 2 of Article Two, Section 1 of Article Four and Section 1 of Article Five of the Constitution of AMORC, 1917.

[4] See quotations (57) to (64), both inclusive, and quotation (66), which includes the

was operating under the Constitution of 1917, in declaring the *true* status of AMORC in "black and white", he represented to the *public* and to his members, that:

> "ORGANIZATION—The Imperator of the Order is the Chief or Supreme Executive. The Supreme Grand Master, George R. Chambers, is President of the Supreme Council and Master of the Supreme Grand Lodge. *The Supreme Council is composed of the Masters of all the Lodges of the North American jurisdiction.* The Supreme Grand Lodge is composed of all the Masters and high degree members of the Order in North America living in the various cities of the North American jurisdiction. It is the Supreme *Spiritual body* conducting the *spiritual* and metaphysical affairs of the order and directing all its esoteric work while it advises and recommends the exoteric activities through the Supreme Council. Grand Lodges are the governing Lodges in each State or division of the territory in the North American jurisdiction. Subordinate lodges are located in small and large cities of the various States and in Mexico, Canada, Alaska and the various territories and dependencies of the United States of America and also in the central American countries. Dispensation Lodges, study groups and preparatory centers located in many small cities throughout the North American continent are under the direct supervision of the Supreme Lodge, while the subordinate Lodges are under the jurisdiction of their respective Grand Lodges. The AMORC college is incorporated as a separate institution and is under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council. Other esoteric bodies and movements carrying on separate branches of the work such as prison welfare, child welfare, *Church work,*[5] public lectures, research work and a department for the promulgation of the universal language, are under the direction of the Supreme Grand Master or the Department of Extension, the Department of Welfare, or the Ministraro of the Supreme Council, or in the hands of competent individuals who are acting under the direction of the Imperator." *(The Triangle,* July 19, 1921, pp. 2-3. The italics are ours.)

Although he calls himself the "Chief or Supreme Executive", yet he solemnly represented to the *public* and to *his members* that the Supreme Grand Lodge is the Supreme body conducting the "spir-

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entire "Pronunziamento 777," except the quotation set forth in this chapter, which completes it.

[5] Although the AMORC was engaged in *"Church work"* in 1921 and for some time thereafter, it is now claimed to be NON-RELIGIOUS.

itual" affairs of the order; that "The Supreme Council is composed of the Masters of *all* the Lodges of the North American jurisdiction;" that "The Supreme Grand Lodge is composed of all the Masters and high degree *members of the Order in* North America"—of *"unlimited* number", as we shall presently see—and that "It is the Supreme Spiritual body", thus cunningly leaving the impression that the AMORC is governed and controlled by Masters of Lodges and "high degree" members representative of the membership at large, whereas, in fact, it has always been his *private* racket of which he has retained control by one or another designing method or cunning artifice.

The Constitution an Artifice

Like all of his statements and representations, the Constitution of 1917—under which he operated his fraternal racket until March 18, 1931, and to which he now resorts to justify the conversion of the AMORC into a family affair—was contradictory in terms and was designed to leave a false impression and to mislead the public and his members. It was one of his many fraudulent artifices cunningly designed to promote and at the same time reserve unto himself all the fruits of the promotion of his fraternal swindle.

While reserving to himself the "exclusive and autocratic" control of "the Order" in Article Two, yet in Article Three dealing with the *"Form of Organization"* he declares in Sections 1 and 2 thereof that: "In order that the *dictates* of the *American Supreme Council* and purposes of the Order itself be more efficiently executed", the "North American Jurisdiction shall consist, therefore, of fifty or more Grand Jurisdictions" which were declared to be "united only in submission to this constitution and the government of the Order", following which Section 3 provides:

> "Lodges shall be established in these Jurisdictions as hereinafter provided under the following general classification with the following form of regulation:
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> "(a) *A Supreme Grand Lodge* shall be composed of the Supreme Grand Master, the Supreme Grand Officers, the American Supreme Council and an UNLIMITED NUMBER of *Brothers* and *Sisters*. It shall be the *Supreme Spiritual body* for the North American Jurisdiction. It may be located in any city of and Jurisdiction of this Order.

"(b) *Grand Lodges* shall be founded and maintained in every Grand Jurisdiction of this Order in North America to the number of *one* Grand Lodge for each Grand Jurisdiction.[6] They shall be granted Charters under this Constitution by the Imperator in the name of the Grand Master of each Grand Lodge. Such Grand Lodges shall be subservient to the Imperator, the American Supreme Council and this Constitution.

"(c) *Subordinate Lodges* shall be founded and maintained in every Grand Jurisdiction of the Order in North America to an indefinite number of Lodges for each Grand Jurisdiction. They shall be *granted Charters* by the *Grand Lodges* of their respective jurisdictions *issued* by the *Grand Masters* of said *Grand Lodges* with the *approval* of the *Grand Councils* of said *Grand Lodges.*[7] Such subordinate Lodges shall be *subservient* to this Constitution, their respective Grand Lodges and *indirectly* to the Imperator and the American Supreme Council." (*Constitution, 1917,* Article Three, Section 3. The capitals and most of the italics are ours.)

The Conversion

And so with an inconsistent constitution, as an artifice, with contradictory provisions he gave to his fabrication and fraternal swindle the plausible appearance of being a fraternal order in which all the members—the *"Brothers and Sisters"* in "unlimited numbers" are *members* of the *Supreme Grand Lodge,* and of which all members who qualify themselves may be eligible to hold all the offices and positions of honor, trust and responsibility therein. By such cunning and trickery he gave it the appearance of being a self-governing brotherhood, yet when it is stripped of all subterfuge and artifice it is found that the entire organization is subservient to his wishes and that by such trickery and artifice he has attempted at all times to keep *absolute control* within his own hands, while leading his members—the victims of fraud—to believe that they possessed *substantial rights* in the organization and a *real voice* in

[6] Now, as we shall presently see, under the family racket plan the Supreme Council and the Supreme Grand Lodge are composed of the Lewis family. There is but *one* Grand Lodge under the immediate supervision and control of the Lewis family, and the Masters of all subordinate Lodges are appointed and removed by the family who "autocratically" control the entire organization from top to bottom.

[7] Under the family plan, all subordinate lodges are now formed under the supervision of the Supreme Grand Lodge or the Lewis family and are under its "autocratic" control. See Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge, AMORC, 1934.

its management.

Notwithstanding that under the provision of the Constitution of 1917, which was in force until March 18, 1931, all the "Brothers and Sisters" were members of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC and many of them at different times had been members of the Supreme Council, had held all the offices in the Supreme Grand Lodge except the office of "Imperator" and were eligible to be elected to that office,[8] yet, without saying a word to the members, and without their consent, he converted the AMORC into strictly a family affair by the simple process of forming a corporation and incorporating the *Supreme Grand Lodge* of AMORC.

On November 15, 1928, by articles of incorporation, filed in the office of the Secretary of State of California, H. Spencer Lewis, his wife, his son, his son's wife, with the assistance of Charles L. Dean, incorporated his family enterprise under the corporate name of SUPREME GRAND LODGE OF *AMORC* as a college and seminary.

Evidently running a college and seminary under a charter that apparently did *not limit the membership* of the corporation to his family was not satisfactory to Mr. Lewis, so accordingly on September 1, 1930, under a certificate signed by himself as president and his son as secretary, the Corporate Charter was amended changing the corporate name to *The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis;* changing the purposes and adding Articles Seven and Eight, limiting the membership to five in number and vesting the entire voting power of the membership in the board of five trustees—thus effectively placing the complete control and absolute management of the corporation within the hands of his immediate family—and the AMORC thereby became and now is a family affair—an enterprise of H. Spencer Lewis and family.

The Corporate Charter as Amended

The Charter or Articles of Incorporation under which he is now operating his aforesaid Family Racket, as amended, is as follows:

"First: That the name of said corporation shall be

[8] See Section 1 of Article Four, Constitution of AMORC, 1917.

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"Second: That the purposes for which said corporation is formed are as follows:

"(a) To teach, foster and perpetuate the traditional principles and laws of the Ancient Rosicrucians;[9]

"(b) To foster the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship among men, particularly among its members.[1]

"(c) To retain and maintain fraternal and spiritual relations with the duly constituted Supreme Bodies of the 'ORDER ROSAE CRUCIS' throughout the world.[2]

"(d) To establish and maintain subordinate lodges throughout its territorial jurisdiction and in accordance with the provisions of its constitution charge and collect such dues and fix such qualifications as a prerequisite for membership as the Board of Trustees from time to time may deem meet and proper and for the best interests of the Order.[3]

"(e) To organize, maintain and control such subordinate bodies or corporations as may be necessary or convenient to carry out its objects.

"(f) The enumeration of the foregoing purposes shall not be deemed as exclusion by enumeration, but this corporation shall have all the powers and privileges granted by law to similar corporations.

"Third: That the place where the principal business of said corporation is to be transacted and where its college or seminary is to be conducted is in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California.

"Fourth: That the term for which said corporation is to exist is fifty (50) years from and after the date of its incorporation.

"Fifth: That the number of trustees of said corporation shall be five (5), who have been so classified that the term of one of said

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[9] We have seen that Mr. Lewis possesses no Rosicrucian authority and that his so-called R. C. Order is fraudulent. Therefore, his family enterprise is incorporated for an illegal purpose.

[1] Converting "the Order" into a family affair and spending the funds of the members as they see fit is a splendid way to foster the spirit of brotherhood and fellowship among men, and particularly among its members, who are the Lewis family.

[2] We have seen that his family racket maintains no fraternal relations with the authentic Order of the Rose Cross throughout the world, and the so-called International or World Council of the AMORC is a farce, a delusion and a fraud.

[3] This provision gives the Lewis family absolute control over the AMORC and its paying members.

trustees shall expire in one year, the term of another of said trustees shall expire in two years, the term of another in three years, the term of another in four years, and the term of the fifth of said trustees shall expire in five years; that the trustees thereafter elected to succeed those whose terms expire as herein provided shall serve and hold office for five years and until their successors are elected and qualify; that the names and residences of the trustees elected and appointed are as follows:

Names	Residences	Term of Office
H. Spencer Lewis	San Jose, Calif.	Five (5) years
R. M. Lewis	San Jose, Calif.	Four (4) years
Martha R. M. Lewis	San Jose, Calif.	Three (3) years
Gladys Lewis	San Jose, Calif.	Two (2) years
Charles D. Dean	San Jose, Calif.	One (1) year

"Sixth: That said corporation shall have no capital stock and its business shall not be carried on for profit.[4]

"Seventh: At the time of election or appointment, and throughout their term of office, the trustees of this corporation must be members in good standing of the Ancient and Mystical Order Rosae Crucis, within the territorial jurisdiction of this Supreme Grand Lodge.[5]

"Eighth: The total voting power of this corporation shall be in said trustees and any three of their number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business of the corporation." (Compiled and quoted *verbatim* from certified copies of the original articles of incorporation the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, and amendments thereto, under hand of Secretary of State and the Great Seal of the State of California.)

Being the original incorporators, with themselves installed in office and as the trustees of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the AMORC by this amendment to the corporate charter—whether rightfully or legally—H. Spencer Lewis, his son Ralph and their wives acquired the complete and absolute control and autocratic management of the AMORC, which they have been and now are exercising.

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[4] We shall presently consider in this chapter whether the corporate business of this family enterprise has been carried on for profit.

[5] It is claimed now, as we shall presently see, that only the Lewis family—the Hierarchy—and a handy-man appointed by them to do their bidding, are members of "the Order." The paying and supporting members are not now members of "the Order," but belong to "the Brotherhood" which supports the governing hierarchy.

How It Was Accomplished

Before the charter of a membership corporation may be changed or amended, the members or a majority thereof must consent and a sworn or verified certificate of the officers of the corporation showing such consent must be presented to the Secretary of State. He must be satisfied that at least a majority of the members of the corporation have consented to the proposed change in the charter before he will file it and it becomes effective as an amendment to the Charter of the Corporation.

Therefore, to secure and to make effective said amendments to said Charter, the following sworn or verified statement of H. Spencer Lewis and his son Ralph appeared as a part of the certification of said amendments, filed in the office of the Secretary of State of California, to wit:

> "That this Corporation organized for objects and purposes other than for pecuniary profit and is without shares of stock, and the number of voting members of said Corporation total 5,000. [*Note this Admission.*]
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> "That on the 23rd day of July, 1930, there was presented at the annual convention of the members of this Corporation, in the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, State of California, a true copy of said resolution of the Board of Directors, together with a request for the assent and approval in writing of the members thereto; that there is now on file with the Secretary of this Corporation a total of 74 assents of the members of this Corporation, which are all in writing, and containing a copy of the resolution of the Board of Directors,[6] and showing the affirmation and approval of said resolution of said Board of Directors by the member whose name is signed thereto, and that the total assents constitute a majority of the members of said Corporation, the members assenting represented, by proxy, the total voting membership of this Corporation.
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> "IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Corporate seal of this Corporation this 12th day of August, 1930.
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> H. SPENCER LEWIS, President,
> R. M. LEWIS, Secretary."

(From an officially certified copy of the original certificate on file

[6] The resolution of the Board of Directors—Lewis and family—proposing the amendments to the corporate charter of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the AMORC.

in the offices of the Secretary of State of California.)

This certificate was sworn to by H. Spencer Lewis and R. M. Lewis on the 12th day of August, 1930, but the same was not filed by the Secretary of State and did not become effective as an amendment to the corporate charter of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the AMORC until September 13, 1930.

This certificate shows and the Lewises admit under oath that at and prior to September 13, 1930 (the effective date of the amendment) there were *Five Thousand* voting members of said corporation and *Five Thousand* members of the Supreme Grand Lodge of the AMORC.

Of course, a majority of 5000 members is 2501, or more. Therefore, this certificate shows that more than *Two Thousand Five Hundred,* or a majority of said members, consented to said changes or amendments to said corporate charter. That this consent was evidenced by the signatures of seventy-four delegates in attendance at the "annual convention of the members of the Corporation" held in San Jose, California, on the 23rd day of July, 1930, who were alleged to hold the powers of attorney of a majority whose consent they gave and evidenced by their signatures, although no written powers of attorney were filed and no previous notice that the amendments would be voted on or considered at the convention. As a matter of fact, no delegate held the proxy or power of attorney to consent to said amendment, as is shown by the testimony of Ralph M. Lewis in the *Federal Case*[7] at San Francisco on February 20, 1936. Therefore, the testimony of the Lewises—father and son—relating to said certificate casts a serious doubt upon it and the truth thereof is very doubtful. It is a matter of regret that we do not have the space to review and comment upon that interesting testimony. If the certificate is not true, then the members of the AMORC have been tricked; a fraud has been committed on the State of California, and an amendment to a corporate charter has been procured and obtained upon a false certificate. Perhaps the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the State of California will be interested in looking into the question very carefully.

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[7] See *Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 21 to 31 inclusive, especially pp. 21, 26 and 29.

Did They Usurp the Members' Rights?

The schematic setup of the AMORC today and since advent of said amendment to the corporate Charter as shown by the diagram of "the Organization" set forth on page six of the latest Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge of the AMORC—effective October 13, 1934—is as follows: Over and above all, H. Spencer Lewis, the "autocratic" Imperator of the Lewistonian Hierarchy —the "vested authority"—who, *in fact,* possesses *no authority;*[8] the Supreme Grand Lodge, Inc., the Legal (?) Corporation, composed of the Lewis Family which is "the Order",—legally (?) operated by a Board of Five Directors (Trustees[9])—absolutely controlled by the Lewis family, with the voting power to perpetuate themselves in office—the Royal Family of the AMORC by blood transfusion and royal descent, and the arbitrary and imperialistic rulers thereof—and, the subservient Grand Lodge—the "General Membership Body"—the kindly disposed and charitable "Brotherhood" composed of the *paying* and *contributing* member-victims who produce and supply the "Royal Revenues" for the support and luxurious living of the Princely and Royal Hierarchy of Fraternal Racketeering.

Concerning the rights and high prerogatives of the Lewis family—the hierarchy—and the exact status of the ordinary paying members of the AMORC, Mr. H. Spencer Lewis testified in the Federal Case at San Francisco, in February, 1936, as follows:

> "Q. And since that time, since the incorporation of that company, corporation, [the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC] you have always contended, and take the position now, that the corporation consists solely of five persons and that the members of the Order are not members of that corporation? A. That has been the understanding in our Order and the Orders in Europe and all our branches for all times.
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> "Q. That is your position? A. Absolutely.
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> "Q. And you consider that the members of the Order since that incorporation [of the Supreme Grand Lodge] have no voice in that, in the corporation itself? A. Since the Order—since the control

[8] It has been shown in this work and demonstrated to a certainty that he possesses no Rosicrucian authority, that his claims to that effect are false and fraudulent and that his spurious R. C. Order operated as a family affair is a fraternal swindle.

[9] So designated in the Corporate charter.

of the Order refers to the hierarchy, the members couldn't have any vote. That was understood by each member in coming into the Order.[1]

"Q. Irrespective of the hierarchy, and all that, your position is, right now, and was, at the time of the incorporation of that corporation in November, 1928, that there were only five of it, and that the members of the Order had no interest in it? A. Only the five members of the corporate body of the Supreme Grand Lodge. * * * In every sense of the word,—where the word 'Order' is used it means hierarchy, because our charters and documents of authority from Europe name only the Supreme Grand Lodge as 'The Order'.[2]

"Q. Well, as a matter of fact, you got that charter—or whatever it was—in 1915, or before that, didn't you? A. In 1909.

"Q. In 1909. And this corporation with these *five* members was not formed until November, 1928, was it? A. That is true, as a corporation; but still we [the hierarchy] existed before that time.

"Q. At any rate—and accordingly you have never considered that the Order—consisting of the members of the Order, were a part of this corporate body, or had anything to do with it? A. The members of the organization—when you speak of 'members' meaning the general membership, never had any vote or holding [rights or interest] in the hierarchy of the organization, either in the unincorporated or corporated group known as the Supreme Grand Lodge.

"Q. And the members of this Order, [the AMORC] in your opinion, and according to your contention, had nothing to do with the corporation [the Supreme Grand Lodge] that was incorporated in November, 1928? A. No." (The *Federal Case, Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 131, 132 and 133. The italics are ours.)

The Paying Members Not Concerned!

Although, under the Constitution of 1917, as we have seen, all were *members* of the Supreme Grand Lodge, which constitution was in force in 1928, yet they had nothing to do with the incorporation of the Supreme Grand Lodge in 1928, and were not con-

[1] But this statement is *not true,* as we have shown and shall further show as we proceed.

[2] Again we direct attention to the falsity of these claims. AMORC has no charters and documents of Rosicrucian authority, as we have seen. Besides, Mr. Lewis claims elsewhere that these bogus charters and spurious documents are issued only in his name—to him individually and personally. How, then, could they "name only the Supreme Grand Lodge as *the Order?*"

sulted—but the Lewis family, claiming to be the hierarchy of the Order—indeed, claiming to be "the Order"—incorporated it as their own—*all as their very own!*

Continuing with the testimony—counsel then directed Mr. Lewis' attention to a small pamphlet known as *The Rosicrucian Catechism,* which he admitted was officially issued by the corporation—the hierarchy—to which counsel referred, as follows:

> "Q. Let me call your attention to this language in this book, quoting from page 6: 'The Rosicrucian Order is a fraternity organized similarly to all other non-sectarian educational lodges. Its members, however, are students, and through their affiliation they receive training in special knowledge, which aids them in their various vocations and assists them spiritually. * * * It is duly chartered and empowered to function as a lodge.' A. Yes, that is true, because we have lodge rooms——
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> "Q. You have reference to the Order then, do you not, in that statement? A. We have reference to the activities of the members in a ritualistic sense when we say 'as a lodge'.
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> "Q. What do you have reference to when you said, it—'The Order is duly chartered and empowered by the laws of the land to function as a lodge'? A. The Corporation.
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> "Q. Well, the corporation and the Order are separate and distinct in your mind—aren't they? A. No; the Order—officially the *Order is the* hierarchy.
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> "Q. Well, the hierarchy was formed long before the corporation, wasn't it? A. *And always would be the same.*
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> "Q. Well, the hierarchy was formed long before the corporation, wasn't it? A. Yes.
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> "Q. * * * In this pamphlet you don't mean 'The Order' composed of the members? A. Not at all.
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> "Q. Not at all? A. That [the body composed of the members] is called a fraternity or brotherhood.[3] * * *
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> "Q. Well, it was not legally chartered, was it, until 1928? A. Legally chartered in 1928, yes. That was the first time it had a legal [!] charter; but also it has *legal charter* [!!] by its *superior*

[3] At another time he swore that the term "Rosicrucian Brotherhood" is a similar name describing the Rosicrucian Order. See Volume I, p. 207, and Exhibit B, p. 253; also his statement on pp. 208 to 211 of Volume I. See also his statements in quotations (55), (57), (60), (66) and (88) in Chapter V, *supra,* where he makes still other and different distinctions between said terms. See quotation (19) where the Order is called a sacred Brotherhood.

bodies in Europe.[4] * * * It is *illegal* for *any group of persons to call themselves Rosicrucians and operate under the Rosicrucian name without a charter* from the International Council. We were legally chartered by them." *(Id.,* pp. 133, 134 and 135. The italics, the exclamation points and the matter in the brackets are ours.)

The Paying Members Not of "the Order"

Certainly it is illegal and fraudulent for *any one* or *any group* of persons to call themselves Rosicrucians and to operate under the Rosicrucian name or names without a charter or proper Rosicrucian authority legally and rightfully exercised. That is the gist—the sum and substance of the fraud, as we have often pointed out throughout this work.[5] Mr. Lewis here recognizes this and thereby admits that it is illegal and fraudulent for anyone to operate a so-called R. C. Order *without* Rosicrucian authority. However, he attempts to escape the force of his logical conclusion and *admission* by claiming, under oath, that which he has falsely represented to the public to induce many to become paying members of his family racket, to wit: that it is legally chartered by the Rosicrucian "International Council". We have seen in Chapters IV and V, *supra,* that there is no *International Council* and that he has no authentic Rosicrucian charter; therefore, his admission aforesaid is tantamount to an open admission that his family racket is a fraudulent concern and a fraternal swindle.

Let us continue with his testimony, as follows:

"Q. In other words, in your opinion, the members of the Order or the persons *who pay dues* and all that, are not members of the Corporation at all? A. No, because in the first place the dues which the members pay is hardly sufficient to meet more than the expenses of the lectures and postage that they receive. The funds of the Order with which properties have been acquired has been some donation or from our book sales or commission, and that allows us a sufficient opportunity to have a reserve fund, and from time to time build a building. [The effect of his testimony given here was

[4] The omission is in reference to Counsel offering "The Rosicrucian Catechism" in evidence. Nothing is omitted which would place Mr. Lewis' testimony in a false light.

[5] Several references have been made to this matter, but see specially our statement in the Personal Foreword, pp. 24-25, *supra.*

that, although he had 12,000 active members, that many of them were delinquent part of the time. Besides, he had a postage bill running between fifty and sixty thousand dollars a year; therefore, he could not make any money out of the dues alone.]

"Q. Now you say these members, in your opinion, are not members of the corporation at all? A. No.

"Q. And really not members of the Order? A. Not of the Order in its *legal* and technical sense. The word 'Order' is loosely used by the Order, saying I am a part of the Order, and so on, as some people do. They apply to themselves that word; *they are just in the outer circle.* We are not responsible for the loose terminology in which the word Order is used; but when we in any legal document or official document, when we speak of 'the Order' we are doing it in the same sense it has been used in Europe for many years.[6] The outright Rosicrucian Order is not the body of people; it is the hierarchy, and we must adhere to those landmarks.

"Q. You say in any legal document you never use any loose language to indicate that any of the members that have been subscribing are members of the Order; is that it? A. In any document that I prepare and watch out for the correct legal phraseology.

"Q. Well, Doctor, will you look at this? [Showing him the certificate to amend the corporate charter of the Grand Lodge, hereinbefore quoted.] A. Yes; but this was prepared by our very eminent legal counsel and handed to us to sign.

"Q. And you signed it? A. Yes.

"Q. And you swore to it? A. Yes.

"Q. And you affixed the seal of the Order to it? A. Yes. The concept of it is true, but I regret to say that I failed to notice two lines in there, and the wrong use of the words.

"Q. Did you fail to notice that you represented to the Secretary of State that this corporation is organized for business and purposes other than pecuniary profit, and is without shares of stock, and that the *number of voting members* of this corporation *total 5,000?* A. Yes, that was the part I overlooked, that 5,000 voting members." *(Id.,* pp. 136-137 and 138. The italics are ours.)

The testimony given by Mr. Lewis in the various cases in which

[6] We did not know that the term Order has a different meaning in America and Europe. Mr. Lewis must find a better explanation to justify his actions than this. It is too thin; it will not hold water. Certainly, the real Rosicrucians in Europe and America make no such distinctions. To them the Rosicrucian Order, Brotherhood or Fraternity are one and the same thing.

he has testified on the number of members of his enterprise, called the AMORC, is as conflicting and as uncertain as his claims to Rosicrucian authority and authenticity. In the *Federal Case* his son Ralph testified that the membership of the AMORC of all classes in 1928 was approximately five or six thousand and in 1930 about fifteen or seventeen thousand, but that only those who pay their dues are members—that when a member fails to pay his dues he ceases to be a member. However, H. Spencer Lewis testified that they only had twelve thousand active members in 1936 and that there were a large number of delinquencies among them;[7] therefore, from said testimony it is reasonable to conclude that the *paying* members in good standing in 1930 were 5,000 in number; or that his statement to that effect was *true* and was not overlooked, and that his contradiction of it and his story of having signed and swore to said statement without reading it or knowing what it contained was an afterthought, devised and put forth to escape his act in certifying said facts to the Secretary of State after he understood the legal effect of the same.

AMORC Owned by the Lewises

After counsel had directed Mr. Lewis' attention to his propaganda booklet, *Rosicrucian Illumination,* in which he made the following statement: "If the name and address appearing on Page 28 is that of the SUPREME GRAND LODGE, then you will know that no Lodge or Group in your vicinity is prepared at just this time to accept any new members and *you are invited to become a member of the Supreme Grand Lodge,*" and after showing him various magazine articles in which he had referred to the members of the AMORC as being members of *the Order,* his testimony continued as follows:

> "Q. You have just said that the magazines go to the members after they are members? A. Yes; ninety percent of them. It is not used for propaganda purposes.
>
> "Q. After they are members of what? A. Members of the National Lodge, Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge of Canada, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, or any other Grand Lodge.

[7] For the testimony of Ralph M. Lewis, above referred to, see *Federal Case, Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 18 and 16. Testimony of H. Spencer Lewis, *Id.,* p. 137.

"Q. But not members of *the Order?* A. No.

"Q. They never become members of the Order? A. No, not of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

"Q. That is in spite of the fact that this literature [his own literature] refers to them as members of the Order—they never become members of the Order? A. That [his own usage] is just a general term, another loose term in using the word 'Order' and 'Rosicrucian Brotherhood'. We distinguish between *the Order* as *the hierarchy* and the *general membership* as the Brotherhood. *(Id.,* p. 171. Italics ours.)

"Q. Now, this *hierarchy,* which is the Order—who composes that hierarchy? A. The Corporate body.

"Q. What? A. The Corporate body under the direction of the International Supreme Council, the Supreme Grand Lodge.[8]

"Q. The hierarchy, then, that is the Order, are the five persons who compose the corporate body? A. And then it has an affiliation, as an advisory body, the members that are the oldest members in the most advanced course of study, perhaps 100 members scattered throughout the country, who act as an advisory body to the hierarchy.[9]

"Q. And this hierarchy consists of yourself, your wife, your son and your daughter-in-law, and Mr. LeBrun,[1] who was brought over here from France and made a member? A. Yes.

"Q. Made a member of the hierarchy? True? A. That is true. * * *

"Q. And the hierarchy that *consists of these five people that* OWN THE ORDER, of which all these other members are not a member, are the five people I have just referred to? A. Yes." *(Id.,* pp. 202, 203 and 204. The capitals and italics are ours.)

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[8] We have seen that there is no International Supreme Council. Do you suppose he means that his "Supreme Grand Lodge"—the Lewis family—is the International Supreme Council? It will be recalled that at one time he declared his American Supreme Council to be the "Supreme Council of the World." See quotation (70), Chapter V, *supra.*

[9] But these higher-degree members—"the most advanced members"—can never become members of *"the Order"* or of the "hierarchy." The most that they can be is to become advisors to the Lewis family. It is, indeed, a strange fraternity of brotherly love!

[1] Mr. LeBrun is now deceased. The Lewises have appointed Mr. Thor Kiimalehto to succeed him. He is a salaried employee, acts as the Sovereign Grand Master of the subordinate Grand Lodge—the "Brotherhood" to which the paying members belong. He is the servant of the Lewises who *hired* him and who can "fire" him when they so desire. See statement of Mr. Lewis hereinbefore quoted.

ARE THEY USURPERS?

This is the contention of the Lewises as told by the published statements and testimony of Mr. Lewis, and this is the way in which they excluded the paying members, took possession of the fabricated and spurious R. C. Order which they have been running as a family racket since 1928.

We are now in a position to answer the question: Did they usurp the rights of the paying members? Obviously the answer must be that they did take away from them their membership in the Supreme Grand Lodge of the fabrication, their right to hold office, all offices in said Supreme Grand Lodge including the Supreme Council thereof. All officers were elected[2] under the Constitution of 1917.

From the beginning of his fraternal racketeering and the organization of his spurious order even until 1931 and after he had converted it into a family affair with his family as the only members of *"the Order"* he invited and solicited people generally to become members of *"the Order"* as we have shown from his own propaganda literature. Moreover, up until a year or so ago, he spoke of the members of AMORC in all his published statements as being members of *the Order* and recognized them as members of *the Order,* not merely contributing brothers to his family enterprise.

Under the Constitution of 1917, upon which Mr. Lewis relies for his autocratic right to rule the AMORC as he sees fit, the Supreme Grand Lodge was composed of "an unlimited number of Brothers and Sisters" (Article Three, Section 3, quoted *supra),* therefore the members who had been invited to become members of *the Order* were members—"Brothers and Sisters"—of "the Order"

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[2] It is provided in Articles Four and Five of the Constitution of 1917 that *all* the officers of the Supreme Grand Lodge shall be elected, including the Imperator and the Supreme Grand Master, and that such officers are ipso facto members of the Supreme Council. On October 25, 1917, under said Constitution, *"the Order"* elected a Supreme Grand Master at "the Twenty-first *Lateran* Council," at which time Mr. Lewis stated that he had no power to appoint such Supreme Grand Master, but that he must be elected by the Supreme Council. Then the Supreme Council consisted of Mr. Lewis and a number of other paying members who were members of *the Order* and of the Supreme Grand Lodge. (*American Rosae Crucis,* November, 1916, pp. 223 to 228.) Now the Supreme Grand Lodge and Grand Council consist only of the Lewis family and their hired servant and handy-man, and the Lewis family appoint all of the officers from the highest to the lowest.

and members of the Supreme Grand Lodge. Now, the Constitution of 1917 was in effect until March 18, 1931,[3] at which time he proclaimed the Constitution of 1931, which was said to be an amendment to or a Constitution adopted in lieu of the Constitution of 1917—*if it was legally* and *properly done* according to the Constitution of "the Order" providing for changes in its organic law. Therefore, the "Brothers and Sisters" and the members of "the Order" were members of the Supreme Grand Lodge when he and his family incorporated it in 1928, without consulting the "Brothers and Sisters" who were members thereof, and when they amended its corporate charter in 1930 making themselves "the Order", the "hierarchy" and the *only* members of the Supreme Grand Lodge, and placing themselves, whether rightfully or wrongfully, in absolute control thereof. Hence, the members—the *paying members,* who built the "institution behind the advertisement" and contributed to the property of the Supreme Grand Lodge, were deprived of membership therein and the rights incident thereto, and the Lewises *usurped* those rights—and of that there is and can be no question.

Is Constitution of 1917 Still in Effect?

The Constitution of AMORC, 1917, provides in Article Seventeen that it can be amended "*only* by a two-thirds vote of the official delegates of all Lodges represented at a National convention of the *Order* for North America." During a convention July, 1930, it was voted to amend the Constitution of 1917 and a committee was appointed to draft the amendment. The committee reported the drafting of the Constitution of 1931 to the trustees of the Supreme Grand Lodge on January 15, 1931, and on March 18, 1931, H. Spencer Lewis approved it and declared it operative as of March 21, 1930,[4] before another convention met to approve it. Later Mr. Lewis discovered and declared that it was not in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution of 1917, that it was

[3] See Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge, AMORC, 1931, p. 5. It is true that on March 18, 1931, Mr. Lewis proclaimed said Constitution to be *effective* as of March 21, 1930, but, with his legal experience and his insistence upon legal rights and correct legal phraseology, he should know that Constitutions and Statutes cannot be made retroactive.

[4] Constitution and Statutes, 1931, pp. 3, 4 and 5.

contradictory in terms, and took away some of his right to autocratically rule the Order, so accordingly at the annual convention of "the Brotherhood"—("the Order", being the Lewis family, holds no conventions)—he had another resolution passed to make another Constitution and a special committee appointed to draft the new Constitution. Mr. Lewis being the principal part of the "special committee", the new Constitution was prepared entirely under his dictation, and on October 15, 1934, by virtue of his "autocratic" powers, he *proclaimed* it to be in effect.[5] Therefore, the convention of the members of "the Brotherhood" never voted upon it section by section or adopted it as Constitutions should be and generally are adopted.[6]

According to the testimony of his son Ralph in *The Federal Case,*[7] only ten percent of the members of "the Brotherhood" belong to subordinate lodges and ninety percent belong to the Grand Lodge or National Lodge; therefore of eight hundred present at the 1934 convention,[8] accredited delegates from the subordinate lodges represented *ten* percent of the membership at large, while

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[5] The "Imperator's" proclamation being as follows: "The special committee *appointed* upon the recommendation of the registered delegates personally present at the National Convention in San Jose, California, during July, 1934, having completed its work of drafting a new Constitution and Statutes for this organization in North America, and having incorporated in these *special* recommendations *unanimously* voted upon by the delegates at the same Convention; and the various members of the Supreme Grand Lodge and Board of Directors [the Lewis family], having carefully studied and analyzed the said new Constitution and Statutes, and having *consulted various legal and other authorities* in regard to the improvement of them; and, furthermore, having made sure that all of the provisions therein were in harmony with the *ancient* Constitutions and Statutes of *the Order* and with the *original* Constitution upon which *the Order* in this North American Jurisdiction was founded, the *Supreme Grand Lodge unanimously* [*!*] *adopted the new Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Lodge* [not by the convention of the members of the Brotherhood] on the evening of Saturday, October 13, 1934, and recommended that the Imperator of the Order immediately proclaim their adoption.

"Accordingly, I hereby and herewith express *my approval* of the new Constitution and Statutes and *proclaim* them to be in effect as of October 13, 1934, for the governance of the *Grand Lodge* [that is, "the Brotherhood"] and all of its subordinate bodies and *membership* until such shall be *amended or altered* in any manner by the *Supreme Grand Lodge.*" (Constitution, 1934, p. 7. The italics are ours.)

[6] Perhaps later on he had it "approved" by the membership of "the Brotherhood" by another "unanimous" convention under the pressure of his mob psychology and his unanimous management of conventions.

[7] *Reporter's Transcript,* p. 115.

[8] This is the number present according to the testimony of Ralph M. Lewis in the *Federal Case.* See *Reporter's Transcript,* p. 115.

the other individuals present only represented themselves individually as members. *Hence,* only a fraction over *ten percent* of the membership at large were actually represented; whereas, almost *ninety percent* of the members were unrepresented at that convention or at any of his so-called conventions of "the Brotherhood".

Now, it will be recalled that it required a "two-thirds vote of the Official Delegates of *all* Lodges represented at a National Convention of the Order for North America,"[9] therefore, it is certain that the so-called action of the 1934 convention to amend the constitution of 1917 by substituting another constitution in place or in lieu thereof was irregular and not in accordance with the method provided for the amendment of the constitution of "the Order for North America".

In the light of the foregoing facts and on the record as made by the Lewises, it is extremely doubtful whether the Constitution of 1917 has been properly or legally amended, or whether the Constitution of 1934 as prepared and adopted by the Lewis hierarchy and proclaimed by the "Imperator" thereof has any legal force or effect. Therefore, the *paying* members of the AMORC may still be members of the Supreme Grand Lodge under the provisions of the Constitution of 1917.

According to the testimony of the Lewises, their former attorney and Grand Treasurer in said *Federal Case,*[1] it is certain a majority of the 5,000 members of the Supreme Grand Lodge[2]—that is, more than 2500—did not legally consent to the amendment of the corporate charter of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, making the Lewis family and their hired servant the *only* members of the Supreme Grand Lodge AMORC.

A careful checking of the so-called "official" and alleged "legal" acts of H. Spencer Lewis and his son Ralph reveals that such acts are irregular and mere subterfuges, and that their claims that the general membership of the AMORC—the paying members or

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[9] *Constitution, 1917,* Article Seventeen, p. 28.

[1] *Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 1 to 381. The pages on which this testimony will be found are too numerous for reference. It is necessary to read and analyze the entire evidence in the case to get the correct and full import of it. We commend it to the careful consideration of official investigators and to the Secretary of State and the Attorney General of the State of California.

[2] Do not overlook the fact that, in any event and beyond cavil, the *Constitution of 1917,* as we have seen, *was still in force.*

the victims of their exploitation—in conventions *duly represented* have *unanimously* consented to and approved their every act and deed in converting the AMORC into a family affair are not true but are only *artifices* for the operation and perpetuation of their fraternal enterprise.

Lewis Family in Complete Control

Whether rightfully or wrongfully and aside from the usual Lewistonian ballyhoo about special recommendations *unanimously* voted upon by the conventions, the gesture of the appointment of special committees to draft and report a new constitution, the *approval* of the same by the Board of Directors and the Imperator, and the "Imperator's" proclamation putting the same in effect, all of which sound fine, look well on paper and may lead the credulous members into the belief that they have made a Constitution for themselves, yet, notwithstanding all such subterfuge, and useless camouflage, the power to make and amend all constitutions, statutes and by-laws; to appoint all officers of all lodges from the highest to the lowest, to prescribe the rights and privileges and to fix the status of members; to receive and disburse all funds, and to manage and control all property of AMORC is exercised solely and absolutely by Lewis and family.

Let us take a brief look at the most extraordinary Constitution which the Lewises made "with the advice of legal counsel" for the government of the Grand Lodge, all subordinate bodies and the paying members of the "Brotherhood", which the Imperator of the Lewis Hierarchy proclaimed to be effective as of October 13, 1934. It reserves to the Lewis family—*the hierarchy of the Order*—all and every right and privilege and the complete and absolute control of the AMORC and its paying members. It recites that the paying members concede the same to the hierarchy and that they acknowledge all such rights, privileges, powers and absolute control to be vested solely in and exclusively in the Supreme Grand Lodge, which is the Lewis family. It reads as if it was a Royal Decree and Imperialistic Proclamation of an ancient Emperor—an autocratic, despotic ruler—requiring and accepting the oath of fealty of his liege lords and the humble submission of his vassal subjects. One would never recognize it as being the Constitution

of a fraternal association, operating under a lodge system, and founded in the spirit of brotherly love—*because* it is not so founded, all allegations to the contrary notwithstanding.

The Grand Lodge of the Paying Members

Subservient to the Lewis Hierarchy

It provides that the Grand Lodge of the AMORC, to which all the paying and contributing members belong, is a separate and distinct body from the Supreme Grand Lodge, composed of the Hierarchy or the Lewis family; that no paying member of AMORC has any affiliation with, relationship to, financial or material interest in, or can ever become a member of the Supreme Grand Lodge except by special favor and dispensation of the Lewis family.[3]

Now, having clearly set forth in Articles I and II of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, (1934) that it is a separate and distinct body created and chartered by the Hierarchy; that it derives its precious existence, its powers (if any) and its great privilege and most unusual honor of supporting the Lewis family from the Imperator and the Board of Directors composing the Supreme Grand Lodge—family racket, and that its administrative control rests *exclusively* and entirely in the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge, which has been reiterated time and time again, throughout the constitution and statutes of AMORC, and having firmly and surely asserted their absolute control over all the property, the funds, and the membership, yet, to make their security doubly sure and to fix—if they can, irrespective of all rules of law and principles of equity, right and fairness—the *legal status* of themselves and the members who pay and contribute to the support of their fraternal racket, they provide at the end of the Constitution in Article XIII, Sections 34, 35 and 37, as follows:

"Sec. 34. For all purposes of general legal expression of the status

[3] See Constitution of Grand Lodge, 1934, Articles I and XII, pp. 9 and 17. Thus far they have exercised this benevolence in the appointment of Sovereign Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge, who are their humble, hired servants, each of whom in turn has served as the fifth member of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge and has complied with the wishes of the Lewises.

of the members in *the Order*[4] of North and South America it shall be understood by this Constitution and by its provisions, rules and regulations, that all members of the AMORC of North and South America coming within the authority, privileges, rights and benefits of this jurisdiction of this Order are members of the *outer congregation,* and general membership of the Order of AMORC with its distinctly separate and exclusive *governing* body[5] known as the Grand Lodge, and the subordinate bodies, Lodges and chapters of the Grand Lodge, these forming a complete unit and circle of members, restricting and limiting the legal status, rights and privileges of each member to the strictly physical and legal form of a fraternal association, and having no legal association or connection with any of the other outer congregations or physical organizations of AMORC or the Rosicrucian Order, in any other jurisdiction in any part of the world.

"Sec. 35. That the Imperator and the Supreme Officers and members of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge constitute the *inner congregation* of the AMORC of North and South America in accordance with the *ancient landmarks*[6] of the Order in other lands, and other periods of time, and this Supreme Grand Lodge with its Board of Directors and chief executives enumerated hereto [being the Lewis family] shall constitute a separate legal group *directly controlling,* conserving and maintaining the perpetuity of the Rosicrucian traditions and landmarks, teachings

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[4] When Mr. Lewis made this Constitution in 1934 it was his idea that all the members of the AMORC, as well as his family, were members of "the Order," but divided into two classes: the "inner congregation," composed of his family—the ruling class—and the "outer congregation," composed of the paying members supporting the ruling class. The idea that he and his family were "the Order" and the only members thereof, and that the members generally constituted "the Brotherhood," was an afterthought born when he began to prepare to go to trial in the Federal case in which some of the general members were asserting the rights of *membership of the Order.*

[5] This constitution, written with an abundance of words, filled with artifices and subterfuges, contradictions and misleading on its face to the casual reader, abounds with catch-phrases such as this intended to leave the general membership under the false impression that they belong to a self-governing body and that they have certain valuable rights and special privileges, whereas, in fact, the Grand Lodge is not a governing body in any sense of the term, but is in all things subservient to the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Lewis family, and the members have no rights, except the right to pay their dues and purchase books and merchandise from the hierarchy, and no privileges except the privilege of receiving the so-called Rosicrucian teachings, lessons and other questionable mystic merchandise and occult "bunk" which the Imperator of the hierarchy is pleased to give them.

[6] These so-called "ancient landmarks" of a spurious organization fabricated in 1915 appear to change to serve the needs and to accommodate the necessities of the Lewis family at the will or the caprice of the Imperator of the hierarchy.

and principles[7] in the jurisdiction of North and South America, and dividing its legal responsibilities and obligations with *no other members* of the Order in any other section, division, lodge, or group of the Order, or in any other country or jurisdiction of the world, and retaining its powers and authorities exclusively as an incorporated body having *no general membership,* and *responsible only to the State*[8] in accordance with its articles of incorporation and to the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations which it has adopted, proclaimed, made public and holds sacred as its exclusive guide and *perpetual obligation.*"[9] (The italics are ours.)

Section 36 provides that the general members through their progress and advancement—that is, if they keep on paying their dues—pursuing their studies and through adherence to the *principles* (!) and *ideals* (!!) of the organization may become "affiliated members in a purely fraternal, ritualistic and spiritual sense" or "special honorary forms of membership", but with all and despite all those wonderful "honors" and spiritual affiliation they are to have no "legal status" other than Grand Lodge members—creatures of the outer congregation—with no rights except to pay their dues and no privileges, except to receive whatever the *"hierarchy"* chooses to "give" to them. And then, as to their other rights and privileges, if any, not divested by the Constitution and vested in the Lewis hierarchy, it is further provided:

"Sec. 37. Any *undetermined* matter or any question regarding the *legal status, rights* and *privileges* of *any member* of AMORC of North or South America shall be submitted to the Sovereign Grand Master of this Grand Lodge through the Secretary of the lodge or group in which any member or group of members raising such question of legal status, rights, and privileges may be affiliated, and *such question shall be submitted* by the Sovereign Grand Master of this Grand Lodge to *the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge* for final decision, and *such decision shall be binding* upon *each* and *every member* or group of members without question or without provocation. * * *" (Our italics.)

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[7] By now it should be obvious to the reader and investigator that the Lewis hierarchy of fraternal racketeering have *no* Rosicrucian authority and that they are *not* perpetuating the traditional teachings and principles of the Order of the Rosy Cross.

[8] And the State is responsible to its citizens and owes them protection against frauds masquerading under one of its corporate charters.

[9] But they can abandon their "perpetual obligation" and amend the constitution at any time to suit themselves. See Article XIV of the Constitution of 1934.

The Royal Revenues of the Hierarchy

As we have seen, the Grand Lodge and subordinate bodies are unincorporated associations created by the Supreme Grand Lodge *(The Hierarchy)* as the means of producing cash, the funds and material wealth upon which the Lewis Hierarchy subsist and revel in luxury at home and abroad, and also to provide the war chest, the funds they use to hire clever lawyers to defend, to publish false defensive pamphlets in defense of, and widespread deceptive propaganda for the promotion and maintenance of their strictly private "Hierarchal" racket.

It is provided in Article IX, Sec. 27 of the Constitution (1934) of the Grand Lodge that the revenues and sources of revenue of "The Hierarchy"—that is, the Lewis family—otherwise known as the Supreme Grand Lodge, are: (1) Registration fees of members; (2) Monthly dues paid by members; (3) *Royal Support,* per capita percentage of dues received from subordinate lodges or bodies under the Grand Lodge; (4) Special donations of money, properties or other material assets donated to the Hierarchy; (5) Sale of official magazines, books, publications, general supplies, supplementary courses of study, articles deemed necessary for lodges and members—such as ancient Egyptian Beetles, without pedigree, manufactured in San Francisco,[1] and numerous articles of commerce upon which the Hierarchy have built up a thriving and lucrative business—splendid source of revenue—constantly advertised in the official magazine of the Hierarchy.

Although Article IX of said constitution purports to describe the revenues of the Grand Lodge, as defined and prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge, but such Grand Lodge has no revenue of its own. It is the operating business subsidiary and glorified collecting agency of the hierarchy. Such description, so elaborately defining the "revenues and sources of revenue of the Grand Lodge" is a mere trick, an artifice of fraternal racketeering—a sham and a delusion of words, because all such revenues so artfully and cunningly described as *revenues of the Grand Lodge*—the great "Brotherhood" of the members—are the property of "the Order"—the hierarchy or the *Lewis family,* and it is so expressly stated in Section 28 of the

[1] See advertisement and our discussion thereof, Chapter III, pp. 183 to 186, *supra.*

same article, as follows:

> "Sec. 28. In the levy, receipt, use, possession, and accounting of the foregoing and all other revenues and property this Grand Lodge and all its subordinate bodies *act only as temporary agents* in transmittal of such funds and revenues from the members to the *funds of the Hierarchy* known as the Supreme Grand Lodge." (Our italics.)

And in Section 29 of the same article it is provided that all members and officers hold all records, funds, property, matters and things within their use, control or knowledge *in trust* for the Supreme Grand Lodge and the *Hierarchy*.

How the Mighty Hierarchy May Spend

Article X of the same Constitution is another delusion of words and an artifice of the racket. After providing for the transmittal of all funds to the Supreme Grand Lodge; that said funds shall not be held in trust for any lodge, group or for the general membership, but exclusively for the maintenance and perpetuation of the ideas of the organization in accordance with the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge and the ideas and requirements of the Lewis family, and that they shall not inure to the benefit of any member or officer of the Order,[2] the said article then provides the ways and the means by which they—the Lewis Hierarchy—may use the same for their own use and benefit, and to gratify their every desire and whim, according to their ideas and caprice and within their "sole discretion", as follows:

> "It is herein recognized that the expenditure of all money rests in the *sole discretion and absolute authority* of the Supreme Grand Lodge and that this constitution recognizes that said *sole discretion* and *sole authority* of the Supreme Grand Lodge carries with it the power to expend said moneys for operating expenses of the Supreme Grand Lodge and/or the Grand Lodge and for *salaries to employees of either body* and for administration expense of buildings, offices, laboratories, auditoriums, libraries, *museums,* dormitories, *homes for officers of either the Supreme Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge,* and all necessary administrative, upkeep and main-

[2] We shall presently give this further consideration in connection with the consideration of the question as to whether this fraternal racket should be exempted from the payment of taxes.

tenance expenses at the National Headquarters of the Supreme Grand Lodge in Rosicrucian Park, California, and for the expenses of traveling representatives, lecturers, and workers carrying on the activities of the Supreme Grand Lodge and/or the Grand Lodge, and for such research, explorations, investigations or inquiries into sciences and allied subjects of this or allied organizations of interest and benefit to the members of the Order generally. No shares of stock shall be issued by this Grand Lodge or its subordinate bodies in the name of this order or any of its officers and no dividends, shares of interest, percentage or profits or any financial benefits *other than salaries and service fees* and *traveling expenses* shall be paid to any *officer* or *member* of the Supreme Grand Lodge or the Grand Lodge or any subordinate body of this Grand Lodge, except for special services rendered or for services in connection with the work of the welfare department and *only* in those events shall the same be paid when *authorized by the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge.*" (The italics are ours.)

The only limitation placed upon the spending of the Hierarchy is found in Article Eleven of said constitution, which provides that none of the funds shall be loaned to any member or invested in any speculative stock, but in the case of a national emergency, the Hierarchy "may purchase some government bonds or state or city bonds of a guaranteed and protected nature, *solely as a humanitarian* GESTURE and for the good of the nation or community". (Italics are ours.) And this is charity, indeed, and a display of public spirit that is marvelous!

The Spirit of the Constitution of 1917

In the Preamble to the constitution of 1934 it is recited that some of the provisions of the Constitution of 1930 were inconsistent with the Constitution of 1917, and that the Constitution of 1934 was adopted to restore the spirit and to carry out the intent of the Constitution of 1917. Let us see how faithfully this purpose has been carried out. It will be recalled that Mr. Lewis was elected[3] Grand Master General and Imperator of the AMORC on April 1, 1915. The constitution of 1917 provides that:

"His successor and all future Imperators of the Order in North America shall be *elected* by a two-thirds vote of all the Grand

[3] See quotation (30), Chapter V, *supra.*

> Lodge Masters in North America and the members of the American Supreme Council of North America duly assembled in a National Convention, called especially for that purpose within seven days after the vacancy of the office. Such successor must be *elected* within thirty days after the vacancy of the Imperator's office and position from among those Brothers of the Order who are in the highest degrees of the Order in North America."[4] *(Constitution of 1917,* Article Four, Section 1. The italics are ours.)

Now since he has taken complete charge of "the Order", and under one pretext or another has converted it into a family affair in perpetuity, he is living up to the letter and spirit of the Constitution of 1917 by asserting and maintaining that each Imperator or Supreme Grand Master of "the Order"—that is, of his fabricated spurious order—is *succeeded by one of his sons.*[5] Thus making "the Order" a family racket of himself and heirs forever.

The Constitution of 1917 provides in Article Seventeen thereof that:

> "Amendment to this Constitution shall be made *only* by a two-thirds vote of the Official Delegates of *all* lodges represented at National Convention of the Order for North America." (Our italics.)

Upon the same subject—and in the spirit of the Constitution of 1917, we suppose—the present Constitution of 1934, in Article Fourteen, Section 38, provides:

> "Sec. 38. The power to amend this constitution, revise it or modify it is vested *exclusively* in and reserved to the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge, Incorporated, in accordance with the *ancient* landmarks, principles, and customs of the Order, which provide that the Supreme Hierarchy of the Order in each jurisdiction shall have this *exclusive control* and *direction* of the material and spiritual [!] activities of the Order." (Our italics.)

We had hoped to make a careful comparison and critical analysis of the provision of the Constitution of the AMORC of 1917 and 1934 and the testimony of the Lewises in the *Federal Case* in

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[4] This same article provides for the election of the Supreme Grand Master and other officers. Now they are all appointed by the Lewis family in the spirit of the Constitution of 1917!

[5] See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* September, 1930, pp. 224 to 227, and quotation therefrom in Chapter IV, pp. 335-336, *supra.*

relation thereto, but the lack of space, at least in this volume, forbids. However, the foregoing minor examples will suffice to show how the Imperator of this spurious R. C. Order has lived up to his *"perpetual obligation"* and the *"spirit of the Constitution of 1917"*, as well as the subterfuges and artifices employed to convert it into a family racket.

The Subterfuge of "Unanimous" Conventions And the Unusual Power of the Imperator

We have seen that in the Constitution of 1934 Mr. Lewis has reserved unto himself and family the *exclusive* right and power to define the rights and status of the general membership[6] and to change that status and the "good standing" of the members at any time by special decrees of the hierarchy. In addition to their absolute control of the rights and privileges of the members of "the Brotherhood" which the hierarchy *give* and which they may *take away* as it may suit their convenience or fancy, it is provided in Article Three, Section 7B of the present Constitution (1934) that:

> "It is recognized in this Constitution that the *Imperator,* by reason of the powers vested in him by the Supreme Grand Lodge, *has* the *right* and *authority to* EXCOMMUNICATE *any member* of the Order of AMORC in North and South America, affiliated with this Grand Lodge, which *excommunication* shall completely and automatically [should be 'autocratically'] terminate all of a member's rights and privileges of *the Order*[7] of AMORC of North and South America." (The capitals and italics are ours.)

This same article and section which gives the "Board of Directors of the Hierarchy of the Supreme Grand Lodge" the power to issue special decrees through the Imperator of the hierarchy on all matters "having any vital bearing upon the integrity, good name, spirit or Esoteric or Exoteric purpose of the Order", that is, that may reflect upon the good name of the hierarchy or interfere with the purposes or wishes of the Lewis family, further provides that:

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[6] See *Constitution, 1934,* Article Seven, Section 25B, which defines the status and "good standing" of the general membership, which, according to their ideas, is loyalty to the Lewis hierarchy.

[7] This is rather inconsistent with and repugnant to his more recent position that "the Order" consists only of the hierarchy and that its membership is limited to his family or the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Lodge.

> "All decrees and pronunziamentos issued by him [Mr. Lewis] and which bear his [Masonic-like] seal and the seal of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC of North and South America shall be *binding, conclusive* and *final* on all the officers and members of the AMORC of North and South America, affiliated with this Grand Lodge or any of its subordinate bodies." (Our italics.)

It will be remembered that he had Alfred H. Saunders and his wife excommunicated in 1916 because they refused him a vote of confidence.[8] Then, in the spirit of the Order, he had the Supreme Council of the Supreme Lodge, composed of the Brothers and Sisters of the general membership, do the excommunicating. Now, in the spirit of his modernized and revised fraternal racket, he reserves the power of *excommunication* unto himself.

Mr. Lewis is a master in the use of mob-psychology, as well as at the fabrication of spurious orders and the promotion thereof with false high-pressure propaganda. His conventions, like his Junket to Egypt and other publicity stunts, are well-planned affairs. The desired resolutions are prepared in advance, they are presented to the convention and the adoption is moved by a paid employee holding his office during the pleasure of the Lewis hierarchy. If a serious question is presented, Mr. Lewis appears before the convention and makes a plausible presentation of his side of the matter with mutilated and misrepresented documents and falsified "proof", the "delegates" laboring under the duress of his power to "hire and fire" them, the visiting members laboring under the deception of his eloquent tongue and the fear of excommunication, vote to please their high and mighty Imperator, and the chairman, favorable to and under the control of the hierarchy, declares the action "unanimous." This is a true picture of the Lewistonian *unanimous conventions*—he deceives his conventions as he misleads his "special" and "voluntary" committees. Said "unanimous" conventions simply represent the desires and the will of Mr. Lewis and his hierarchy. They are so perfectly managed and so completely under his control that he could unanimously pass a resolution declaring that the moon is made of green cheese. There is nothing in the annals of American life that is comparable to his well-planned, perfectly controlled and cunningly manipulated con-

[8] Chapter IV, pp. 578, 579, *supra.*

ventions,[9] except the "steam-roller" political convention, which pales into insignificance and suffers much as an instrument of efficiency for "putting things over" with "a zip and a bang" by comparison with the highly efficient "unanimous" conventions of the Lewistonian hierarchy of fraternal racketeering.

Now, if any officer or employee of any lodge fails to enthusiastically do their bidding, off comes his head and his pay stops—*he is out of a job.* Witness the case of Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, former Grand Treasurer. If a member fails to bend the knee of submission and refuses to extend a vote of confidence to the hierarchy, he is *excommunicated.* Witness the case of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Saunders.

Therefore, these often mentioned and much relied upon "unanimous" conventions to authorize, approve and justify the questionable and unconscionable acts of H. Spencer Lewis and son Ralph are not the expression of the voice and desires of the membership at large, properly represented, as the Lewises would lead the public to believe—they are, in fact, nothing more than devices and artifices for the promotion and the perpetuation of their fraternal racket.

The Federal Case

It is not our intention to discuss this case to any considerable extent or to attempt to analyze the issue involved, since they were not decisive of the real issue of fraud discussed and exposed in this work, which must be and in all justice will be ultimately decided, although they do have a bearing upon the general fraudulent scheme upon which this fraternal swindle is founded; upon which it has been and is being operated, and the ways and means by which it has been converted into a family racket. It had been our intention to discuss and analyze at length the testimony of Mr. Lewis and his son Ralph as given in this case, to show its bearing upon their real fraud and the fraudulent nature of their fraternal racket, and to show, as we have in Chapter V, that many of their statements under oath are in conflict with and repugnant to

[9] His expert cunning in the manipulation of conventions, national or international, is shown in connection with the Formation of the FUDOSI exposed in Part Four of Chapter IV, *supra.*

published statements and claims heretofore made by them; but it is obvious that the lack of space forbids such treatment, as interesting as it would be, and even though such evidence is important on the essential issue of fraud.

The suit was originally brought by Roy W. and A. E. Smith of Colorado, as members of the AMORC, against H. Spencer Lewis, Ralph M. Lewis, their respective wives and others, alleging that they had mismanaged the AMORC; that they had misused and misappropriated the funds of the Order; that they had not been duly elected as officers thereof by the members of the Order, and that the present constitution of the AMORC, under which the Lewises claimed their rights and powers, had not been duly and properly adopted by the members of the Order at large and asked for the appointment of a Receiver to take charge of the AMORC pending the trial of the issues. Upon preliminary hearing the prayer for a receivership was denied and that issue was reserved to await the trial of the case.

On the trial of the case the complainants abandoned their prayer for a receiver, and according to the statements and claims of the Lewises "they finally abandoned all of their original charges and pleadings and claimed only that the officers had not been properly elected by the members, and that the active constitution of the Order had not been properly approved by the members."[1]

The complainants undertook to establish their allegations and to make their case by calling H. Spencer Lewis and son Ralph to testify in their behalf. The Lewises proved to be cunning witnesses for themselves. They swore to many things that are not true—that can be shown to be untrue by written and published statements which they have made on other occasions, but the complainants having called them as their witnesses vouched for them and could not impeach their testimony or show that it was false in any particular. They (the Lewises) evidently impressed the Court with

[1] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* March, 1937, p. 47. In this article, beginning on p. 46, written by Ralph M. Lewis, Supreme Secretary of the Hierarchy, under the prominent headline: "The Final Settlement of an Important Issue" in the nature of propaganda to promote and perpetuate their family racket, it is claimed that the suit was brought and inspired by those whose only purpose it is to ruin and wreck the AMORC and that the important issue decided was that they, the Lewises, are in full charge and have the right to run the AMORC as they please. Whether this suit is conclusive of that issue remains to be seen.

their viewpoints, to wit: that they are "the Order" as they contend; that the members at large had consented to them being "the Order" and approved of their acts, and that such consent had been evidenced by their approval through their "duly authorized" representatives in conventions assembled by the "unanimous" action thereof—*because* the Court came to the conclusion that the AMORC is a fraternal order operating under a convention system and that the contentions of the Lewises had been approved and their acts had been authorized or ratified by the conventions of the members and for this reason and upon that ground dismissed the suit.

The Real Fraud Was Not Shown

Convention Chicanery and Manipulation Not Shown

The true nature of the fraudulent scheme which underlies and permeates this fraternal swindle, as herein set forth and exposed, was not an issue in said *Federal Case;* the evidence available to prove the same was not introduced, and the *real fraud* was not considered or passed upon by the Court. Apparently the only issue before the Court, as viewed by the Judge, was whether the Lewises were exercising their authority with the consent of the general membership; whether the general membership had not acquiesced in their leadership of the AMORC and approved their acts and conduct in connection therewith, and whether that consent and approval had been expressed and given at the National Conventions. Evidently the Judge resolved those issues in favor of the Lewises, concluded as aforesaid that the AMORC operates under a convention system. Therefore, if any of the general or paying members have any grievances to air or rights to assert, that the proper place to air those grievances and the proper forum in which to assert and resolve their rights is in the National Convention of the AMORC *and not in the courts,* and accordingly—and obviously—dismissed said proceedings on that ground and for that reason, holding that such ground and reason was controlling in the case, and that any other issues raised by the evidence or matters asserted by the complainants were immaterial.

In this connection, it must be remembered and kept in mind that the evidence of the chicanery of the Lewises; the whiphand

which they hold over the delegates; the power of "hiring and firing" all officers who constitute most of the "accredited delegates"; the threat of excommunication which they hold over the head of the members; the mass or mob psychology which they successfully employ, and their cunning manipulation and complete control of the conventions was not before the Court and the Judge's attention was not directed thereto when he resolved the aforesaid issues in favor of the Lewises and dismissed said case. If these matters had been placed before the Court in their true light; if the Judge had fully and properly been advised of the truth and the whole truth thereof, and if he had acted in the light of all the facts, instead of being guided by the false shadows thrown upon the case by the testimony of the Lewises, the result of said case and the outcome thereof, in all probability, would have been different.

The Amendment to the Corporate Charter

If Fraudulently Procured—A Question for the State

A great deal of evidence was introduced into the record of said Federal Case upon the manner in which the corporate charter of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC was amended in 1930, and the issue was raised as to whether a majority of the membership of said corporation had legally agreed to and evidenced their consent to such amendment whereby the Lewis family and another of their choosing became the sole and only members of the corporation and the absolute "autocratic" masters of the AMORC.

From the evidence introduced and on record, it was conclusively established that the verified certificate—filed by Mr. Lewis and his son Ralph with the Secretary of State of the State of California, certifying that a majority of the 5,000 members of the corporation had actually, duly and legally consented to such amendment to the charter *was false;* therefore, the filing of such amendment in the Office of the Secretary of State and his approval and allowance of such amendment to the corporate charter so as to make it legally operative was procured by misrepresentation and fraud on the sovereignty of the State of California, which alone may grant, revoke or forfeit corporate charters or amendments to corporate charters granted by it.

The issue of the fraudulent amendment to said charter was strongly raised and established by the evidence, and the complainants claimed that by reason of said fraudulent amendment to the charter the members of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC had been wrongfully and fraudulently deprived of their right to vote for directors of the corporation and divested of their rights therein, which rights they said had been usurped and were being exclusively exercised by the Lewis family. Certainly the Judge could not disregard that question or ignore that issue which was made so prominent by the evidence, with the falsity of the certificate upon which the amendment was procured being practically admitted by the Lewises; yet from the dismissal of the case upon the motion of the Lewises on the mere face of the Court's action it would seem that the Judge disregarded that important issue in the case; unless, as has been suggested by one of our attorneys, the Judge concluded that the incorporated Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC as it is functioning today under said amendment to its corporate charter, with the Lewis family in complete charge and control thereof, has a *de facto* existence, the legality of which cannot be attacked or questioned collaterally, notwithstanding the fact that its charter is subject to forfeiture or the said amendment thereto liable to be declared null and void in a direct proceeding by the State of California, to forfeit said corporate charter or to set aside said amendment thereto on the grounds of fraud or irregularities which prevents the Supreme Grand Lodge being a corporation *de jure*.[2]

However, irrespective of all legal questions involved; without regard to the regularity of the procedure; despite the fact that the Lewises invited the general *paying* members to become members of "the Order" and to be *members of the Supreme Grand Lodge,* which right they had under the *Constitution of 1917,* and notwithstanding that all the rights of their membership in the Supreme Grand Lodge, whether rightfully or fraudulently, have been taken over and are now exercised solely by the Lewis family, the effect of the dismissal of said *Federal Case* is to leave the Lewis family

[2] This explanation, made upon the suggestion of an attorney, may not be of great interest to the general reader, but it should be of real interest to official investigators, who should investigate the legal structure of the AMORC and also to the officials of the State of California, whose duty it is to forfeit corporate charters and to revoke amendments thereto irregularly and illegally made and procured.

in absolute charge and control of a *de facto* corporation, an instrumentality of the law, operated under color of legality, by virtue of which they are carrying on and conducting a gigantic fraternal swindle as a family racket.

What Did the Federal Case Settle?

Nothing at All—No Issue Was Settled

In a recent article published in their official organ[3] with *facsimiles* of newspaper articles carrying headlines proclaiming that "ROSICRUCIAN OFFICIALS WIN COURT FIGHT," etc., and written under the prominent heading: THE FINAL SETTLEMENT OF AN IMPORTANT ISSUE, the Lewises claim that the dismissal of the Federal Case finally settled their exclusive right to manage, all in the family, the affairs of the AMORC and to run it as they please.

As a matter of fact, no issue was settled or finally adjudicated. The action of the Lewises in moving to dismiss the proceedings indicates that they were not anxious to have the issues go to final judgment. The action of the Court in granting their motion and dismissing the proceedings merely indicates that in the opinion of the Judge the parties bringing the suit had not produced sufficient evidence to warrant the Court in proceeding to final judgment on any issue. Therefore, the action of the Court was binding on no one, not even on the parties who brought the action. There is nothing to prevent them from refiling the case and producing additional evidence. The Judge did indicate, as we have hereinbefore noted and discussed, that in his opinion the AMORC operated under a convention system, thus adopting the viewpoint of the Lewises, leaving the present status of their exclusive management undisturbed, giving them a further lease to pursue their fraternal racketeering, and an opportunity to use the Court's action for propaganda purposes, of which opportunity they have availed and will continue to avail themselves to further justify, promote, and perpetuate their fraudulent scheme.

A Profit-Making "Racket"

In his *White Book D,* Mr. Lewis has his "Voluntary Committee"

[3] *The Rosicrucian Digest,* March, 1937, pp. 46 to 48, both inclusive.

discuss the *Tax* Exemption Status of "the Order", of which he and his family are the "hierarchy", the sole managers, and chief beneficiaries. In this connection, under charge "NUMBER ELEVEN", stated after his own fashion to suit his convenience in making reply thereto, he says:

> "Clymer and his cohorts have been charging for a number of years that the United States Government found that the AMORC was a *profit-making 'racket',* with *huge sums of money being appropriated by Imperator Lewis and his family,* and that therefore the AMORC organization was not entitled to income tax exemption as a 'non-profit' organization." *(White Book D,* p. 35. Our italics.)

The reader will not fail to note the tricky way in which this charge is stated. It is so stated to create sympathy for himself; to leave the impression that we are the leader of a band of unlawful "conspirators" who "attempted to have the United States Government set aside the AMORC exemption". For some time we have been publishing the fact that the AMORC is being operated as a family racket. That is true and is established by the evidence offered herein. So far as we know, no one has been *"charging for a number of years"* that the United States Government found the state of facts which he states above. That is his own cunning way of stating it, so that he can plausibly reply to a number of charges that he cannot answer otherwise, by showing that after an investigation and audit the Commissioner of Internal Revenue granted him further Income Tax Exemption under date of May 28, 1935.

On April 5, 1935, Mr. A. Leon Batchelor, his former Grand Treasurer, made the charge concerning the income tax status of AMORC in a published letter, addressed to Lewis, in which he said:

> "All fraternal orders are exempt from paying income tax. This exemption privilege was enjoyed by our Order until recently, when as the result of an investigation and audit of the books of the Order by the Internal Revenue Department the *tax exempt status has been revoked,* and the order, in addition to paying income tax, faces large penalties. All of this is due to your deliberate departure from the rules of the Order, *which you have commercialized.* You have not given this vital information to the members, nor do you inform them that for several months now you have been making *frantic efforts to recover the former status."* (Our italics.)

We have made no charges with reference to the Government's action in regard to AMORC'S income tax status. That charge was made and published by his former Grand Treasurer. In our Brochure: *"An Exposé of the Imperator of AMORC"*,[4] we quoted Mr. Batchelor's charge and attributed its authorship to him. Prior to the time of Batchelor's statement concerning the matter, we knew nothing about Lewis' income tax troubles and Mr. Batchelor is no "cohort" of ours. We do not know him and have never been in communication with him. We quoted him because we believed and were justified in believing that he had been in a position to know whereof he spoke.

"The Committee Found"

Then after stating the charge as aforesaid, he replied in the name of the Committee as follows:

> "The Committee found that many years ago the United States Government had granted *exemption to AMORC* in regard to income tax, and that this HAD NEVER BEEN SET ASIDE. [?] It found from correspondence with the Government and other records that about a year ago the conspirators attempted to have the United States Government set aside the AMORC exemption on *the basis of fraud in the handling of the AMORC funds.* It found that the Government had sent a special auditor to San Jose, California, who spent six whole weeks of seven hours a day auditing every book and financial record, including the bank books of AMORC, covering many years, and that this auditor found *no fraud, no discrepancies, no errors, and no misadministration of the funds.* As a result of this investigation on the part of the Government, a letter was sent to AMORC from Washington dated May 28, 1935, in which the original exemption to AMORC *was stated again,* and the AMORC was assured that it would not have to pay any income tax if it continued to maintain the system of operation it had used for years!" *(White Book D,* p. 35. The capitals are ours, the italics are his.)

This is a certification of the self-righteousness of himself and of his racket by himself, but it is not altogether true. It states that the income tax exemption of the AMORC *"had never been set aside"* by the United States Government. Now, the facts are

[4] See Brochure, p. 124, or Volume I, pp. 402, 403.

that as a result of the audit and investigation the special investigator recommended that the tax exemption of the AMORC be revoked, whereupon the Bureau of Internal Revenue of the Treasury Department *revoked* the income tax exemption. This was admitted to be true by Ralph M. Lewis in his testimony in the *Federal Case*[5] at San Francisco in February, 1936. When the exemption was revoked upon the findings and recommendations of the special investigator, the Lewises employed one of the *ablest* and *best known* firms of attorneys and income tax experts in Washington to appear before the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, who after meeting certain requirements of the Commissioner succeeded in having the revoked exemption restored. Therefore, the charge of their former Grand Treasurer that their *income tax exemption had been revoked* and that they were making *"frantic efforts to recover the former status"* was *true* and the alleged finding of the "committee" was *false.*

Fraternal Merchandise

The Lewises claim that the sale alone of weekly lessons or lectures of four mimeographed pages each at $2.00 per month to their members does not pay. Perhaps not—that may be so—but be that as it may the *racket* on the whole pays—and *pays well.* Let us inquire into the commercialized nature, the sources of revenue and the financial status of this most extraordinary mystical exploitation doing business in the name of brotherly love and the kindly spirit of fraternalism. We will first consider its commercial nature and sources of revenue and then its financial structure and status.

Mr. Lewis frankly admits that in its "outer activities" the AMORC is a *material* organization, that it *"has got to operate like any physical, material business, so to speak,"*[6] and boldly defends his high-pressure salesmanship; his unethical and bombastic advertising, and his fraudulent practices in carrying on the alleged fraternal business and livelihood of its hierarchy, as we have seen in Chapter V, *supra.*[7]

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[5] See *Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 101, 102 and 122.

[6] See his statement in quotation (98), Chapter V, *supra.*

[7] See his statements in quotations (95) to (101), Chapter V, *supra.* Also his false claims and use of falsified evidence and mutilated documents in his notoriously crooked *White Book D,* exposed through this volume.

Aside from the mystical merchandise sold in the form of "secret lessons" to the paying members under the false pretense of being Rosicrucian teachings at two dollars per month, which in 1936 grossed about $288,000.00[8] and 6,000 new members per annum paying an initiation fee of five dollars each, which grosses $30,000.00 per annum;[9] the Lewises operate an extensive and lucrative merchandising business in sundry articles, sold to the members, which constitutes the chief source of income of their fraternal business and family racket, and which in one of the more prosperous years produced a gross income of more than a million dollars.

The "Institution Behind Each Order"

In many respects the AMORC is a most unique "fraternal" enterprise. It is not an order as that term is generally understood because its membership is limited to four members of the Lewis family and another transient member whom they employ and discharge at will or when he ceases to be their humble and willing servant. Therefore, it is a family enterprise whose business it is to run an institution falsely represented to be the Rosicrucian Brotherhood, whose membership was secured under the false pretense that they were becoming members of the Rosicrucian Order; that they were Rosicrucians as the result of having paid their initiation fee, and that they remained Rosicrucians so long as they paid their monthly dues, remained in good standing or were not excommunicated. Not satisfied with the simple business of selling them mystical "bunk" and occult trash under the false pretense that it is secret Rosicrucian teachings—or finding that it did not produce sufficient cash or at least to the extent desired—they monopolized the market for fraternal supplies, knickknacks and whatnots among the membership of the "brotherhood" by setting up a

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[8] Ralph M. Lewis testified in the *Federal Case* that the paying members numbered 12,000 in 1936, paying annually dues of $24 each, making a total of $288,000. *Reporter's Transcript,* p. 115.

[9] Mr. Lewis has explained that unless they get 500 or 600 new members each month they "cannot grow." See quotation (101), Chapter V, *supra.* And if they did not get at least 500 new members with their high-powered salesmanship and bombastic advertisements, they would soon be out of the fraternal business, because, as their former Grand Treasurer has explained, about 400 members become dissatisfied or discover the fraud and drop out each month. See Volume I, p. 404.

merchandise mart, known as the *Rosicrucian Supply Bureau,*[1] to supply said members with everything which they can induce them, by false pretense or otherwise, to believe they need or for the "good of the order" should purchase.

Although the "Rosaecrucian" Supply Bureau was established as early as 1916, it did very little business until the Lewis family acquired complete control of "the Order" in 1928. Since then they have been pushing the sale of various and sundry articles of commerce and mystical merchandise with deceptive high-pressured salesmanship and with alluring and fantastic advertising in their official organs which reach their entire membership. Since 1928 the merchandising feature of this family enterprise has become a major operation and has grown into enormous proportions and huge profits. So much so that they now issue a general catalogue with a picture of the buildings at their headquarters, which they say is "The Institution Behind Each Order" for merchandise given to them by the deluded "brothers and sisters" of their spurious Rosicrucian Brotherhood, which supplies the royal revenues of the hierarchy of their exclusive "order" or—to be more exact and explicit—their family racket.

The Merchandising List

The Main Support of a Non-Profit Concern

We give a partial list of various articles sold to their members made up from advertisements in *The Rosicrucian Digest* and *Forum,* their official organs, and taken from their catalogues. As a rather cunning method of advertising "The Institution Behind the Advertisement" they strongly advise their loyal members to purchase and wear "Rosicrucian" emblems; to place "Rosicrucian" auto emblems on their cars; with "Rosicrucian" stickers on the windshields; to place "Rosicrucian" seals on the envelopes of all their correspondence; to use "Rosicrucian" stationery for all their correspondence; postal view cards of the building and grounds at headquarters, which the "brothers and sisters" are advised to use liberally and to

[1] In all real orders, brotherhoods and fraternal societies where the spirit of brotherly love and true fraternalism prevail, no attempt is made or ever thought of making it a business to sell supplies or merchandise to their members or to monopolize such business. Such supplies and merchandise can be obtained only from outside sources or supply houses.

be "proud of the institution behind their membership"; and to use "Rosicrucian" Gold Crosses as necklaces, stickpins or rings—all of which are "economically priced".

Perhaps the most cunning trickery and artful chicanery about this whole merchandising scheme is that each member is told, in order to get the greatest good—indeed, if any benefit at all—from the spurious Rosicrucian lessons which they supply, if the dues are paid, that a miniature lodge room or *"sanctum"* must be provided in the home of the student, properly equipped wherein all rituals must be performed and wherein all such study and meditation should take place. Now this *sanctum* should be equipped with the following very important and necessary articles supplied by them, viz:

Sanctum cards and attractive "Rosicrucian" wall and creed cords; Sanctum altar scarf; "Rosicrucian" candlesticks, beautifully designed as replicas of the Egyptian columns used in the Supreme Temple of "the Order"; or Rosy-Glow Lamp (electric) for the Sanctum; Sanctum Cross—Egyptian Crux Anasta; "Rosicrucian" phonographic record with Sanctum invocations, etc.; the neophytes' ritual apron; the placing of which on their bodies represents their willingness to serve and to do any task for "the good purposes and principles of Rosicrucianism" as taught by the hierarchy of the order, and *special* "Rosicrucian" Incense, which will prove satisfactory, whereas other incense purchased elsewhere may not be so—it is so difficult for the members to secure a satisfactory incense—hence, the hierarchy selects it for them at "sixty-five cents per box of twelve large cubes" post paid. Then, to cap the climax of presumptuous imposition upon the religious instincts of their members, they are urged to purchase for their *sanctums* beautiful replicas of the "large oil painting of the Master Jesus which hangs in the initiation chamber of the Supreme Temple" of the hierarchy —notwithstanding that the AMORC is strictly a *non-religious* concern, exploiting fraternalism and selling, for "cash with the order", among numerous other items of profitable merchandise the pictures of the founder of the Christian religion, who drove the money changers from the temple.

For the practical members they sell students' correspondence tablets; students' lesson binders, magazine binders and practical accessories. For the mystically inclined they sell mystical song books; "Seven Minutes in Eternity", by William Dudley Pelley; Sacred

pictures; mystical art prints; portraits of the Masters, priced from fifty cents to twenty-five dollars, and "Rosicrucian" mystic chests—known as the "Little Brown Casket"—the Oriental box, of antique origin, carved in California redwood and ornamented with the emblems of the Order. And, for the curious and gullible, they give their "ancient" spurious "Order" founded in America A. D. 1915, an ancient Egyptian origin and sell them "Genuine Egyptian Tapestries", such as "Genuine" woven tapestry centerpieces, price only $5.00; Wall tapestry, Egyptian linen appliqué (cut work), Oriental scene, price only $5.50; Egyptian Linen Cushion covers, very symbolic, revealing ancient figures, each $2.75; another Egyptian cushion cover, "priced extremely low at $2.00"; an unusually artistic Egyptian table cover, very symbolical design, various colors and irregular in workmanship, reasonably priced at $4.00; also Woven Egyptian tapestry, ideal for small table, cheap at $2.75; appliqué tapestry, bright colored material cut in various Oriental and symbolical designs sewed on native linen, the crudest and perhaps the most picturesque of all tapestries, a bargain at $2.75; mystic lamps of Egypt, elaborately designed, very symbolic and "will lend a superb, mystic charm to your sanctum" for only $5.00; brass incense burner; Egyptian trays; Oriental wallets,[2] and lastly, but not least in importance of the profit-making mystical merchandising, greatly oversold and generally misrepresented, in some if not in most particulars, are the Egyptian scarabs (made in San Francisco)—"The World's First Jewelery"—with "their mysterious influence" unmounted or mounted on gold and silver rings or necklaces, priced "extremely low" from seventy-five cents to four dollars and seventy-five cents each. "These prices" and the prices of all Egyptian mystical merchandise "are only possible because of the Order's connections in Egypt." The high-pressure salesmanship and the typically cunning and deceptive methods of advertising to move such highly profitable merchandise in large quantities is shown in Chapter III on pages 183 to 186 inclusive, *supra*. With such racketeering:

> "He shames the higgling market-place
> And dwarfs our more mechanic powers."

[2] After the membership have been exploited in this manner and spent most, if not all, of their ready cash for mystical merchandise, one wonders what use they may have for a wallet. But if they do need it, they can get it from the spiritual hierarchy of "the Order."

Publishing and Selling Books

The authentic Order of the Rose Cross in America has printed for its members from time to time certain *private books* containing certain phases of its secret work, which is made available to its students possessed of the secret Key, or advanced to certain degrees of development or understanding; and Grand Masters, also members, of the Order have written books on Rosicrucian philosophy and on other phases of Rosicrucianism, not containing secret teachings, which have been sold to the public, and the proceeds donated to the work of the Brotherhood. In the early years of his operation, Mr. Lewis falsely represented that the real Rosicrucian organization in this country was merely a publishing company,[3] and claimed that his fabrication was the true order because it published and sold no books.[4] In this connection, in his official organ in June, 1916, he stated that:

> "* * * since we are not a publishing firm in the sense that so many movements in this country, we have not, *nor will we, publish books for our members to buy* at various prices and thereby *commercialize* our work.
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> "Our secret teachings and *philosophies* will never be put into books to be sold to those who are willing to buy—regardless of their qualifications. This alone has done more to make so-called Rosaecrucianism appear ridiculous in the eyes of the learned than anything else, and by *our very refusal* to conduct *our work on a book-selling plan we prove the honesty of our claims.*" (*American Rosae Crucis,* June, 1916, p. 2. Our italics.)

After the Imperator and his family took complete possession of the AMORC in 1928 by incorporating its Supreme Grand Lodge with the Lewis family in control of the Board of Directors and all the offices thereof, they announced their entrance into the publishing and bookselling business[5] as a supplemental source of revenue for the hierarchy of "the Order". Thereafter Mr. Lewis began to explain (!) away his former statements and to justify their

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[3] See his quoted statement, Volume I, p. 215, to be found in his *American Rosae Crucis,* October, 1917, p. 195.

[4] See *The Triangle,* April, 1920, p. 24; *The Mystic Triangle,* May, 1927, p. 102, and various statements to the same effect throughout his publications and propagandic literature up to 1928.

[5] See *The Mystic Triangle,* November, 1928, pp. 657-658.

entrance into the book publishing business.[6] In 1933 they were urging the "members of the Brotherhood" to become book agents for the hierarchy of the Order,[7] and, now, they are in the book publishing and selling business.

A partial list of books which they have been and are now publishing and selling under the false pretense that they are Rosicrucian books[8] is as follows:

The Mystical Life of Jesus, by H. Spencer Lewis, Ph.D.,[9] *Rosicrucian Principles for the Home and Business; Mansions of the Soul,* being a restatement of the doctrine of reincarnation, copies from various books of the East, by the "Imperator"; *Unto Thee I Grant,* "Ancient Tibetan Writings"; *Self Mastery and Fate with the Cycles of Life,* by "Dr." Lewis; *Mystics at Prayer,* by Many Chilar, F.R.C.; *The Rosicrucian Manual,* the "Rosicrucian Encyclopedia", by the "Imperator" and manager of the hierarchy; *A Thousand Years of Yesterdays,* the "Gateway to the past", by Mr. Lewis; *Rosicrucian Questions and Answers—Complete History of the Order,*[1] by H. Spencer Lewis, F.R.C., Imperator of the Rosicrucian Order; *The Technique of the Master,* by Raymund Andrea, F.R.C., Grand Master of the AMORC of Great Britain;[2] *Lemuria—the Lost Continent of the Pacific,*[3] by Wisher S. Creve (H. Spencer Lewis); *The Mystery and Prophecy of the Great Pyramid,* by Dr. Charles S. Knight; *The Book of Jasher*—the sacred

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[6] See *The Rosicrucian Forum,* Number Five (probably June, 1930), pp. 150 to 153, and read his statement "about our books" wherein he says: "Now, the truth of the matter is that we have never said *in recent years* that we do not publish any books. We did say that before we ever published any, and it was a truthful statement." Read his strange explanations and contrast them with his former positive declarations.

[7] See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* May, 1933, p. 143.

[8] On the back cover page of *The Rosicrucian Digest* for the last few years these books have been advertised as a *"Rosicrucian Library"* with a picture of their headquarters stated to be: "'The Institution Behind This Announcement."

[9] This is a false representation. Mr. Lewis is not a Doctor of Philosophy, as we have shown in Chapter IV, Part Four, pp. 407 to 413, *supra.*

[1] This is not a history of the Rosicrucian Order. A more flagrant misrepresentation could not be made. The sale of this book at $2.00 per copy or at any price is a commercial fraud.

[2] This is an organization founded by Lewis as a part of his world-wide scheme. Mr. Andrea is his appointee and acts under the direction of the Lewis hierarchy.

[3] Mr. Lewis has said that if he could retract everything he has said about Mount Shasta in his book Lemuria, he would thank God for the opportunity to do so—*The Rosicrucian Digest,* July, 1936, p. 234. *But he continues to sell the book!* See Chapter V, quotation (76), footnote 5, thereunder, *supra.*

Book withheld from the Bible; *The Key to the Art of Concentration and Memorizing,* and *The Art of Absent Healing.*[4] In addition to the foregoing, they have sold the books of other publishers and many special courses of the "Readers Research Academy" and the "Child Culture Institute", etc., etc., to increase the royal revenues of the family hierarchy of the Order.

AMORC Purports to Be a Fraternal Order Operating Under a Lodge System

Aside from the fact that the AMORC is a spurious Rosicrucian organization, fraudulently represented to be the continuation and perpetuation of the original Rosicrucian fraternity, it is supposed to be a fraternal organization with a grand and subordinate lodges and chapters, operating under the authority of a Supreme Grand Lodge, with *all* members eligible to the higher degrees, bodies, and offices, even unto the highest, upon attaining to the required proficiency and complying with the laws and principles of the organization. It has the *appearance* of being such, but the surface appearance is wholly deceptive and misleading. In *reality* the Supreme Grand Lodge is H. Spencer Lewis and his family—the self-styled "Hierarchy of AMORC"—in truth and in fact, it is a mystifying and cunningly designed fraternal swindle of huge proportions, of far-reaching effect and attained financial success.

Now it is a universal rule among fraternal organizations that subordinate lodges and chapters organized and operating under charter or authority from the Grand or parent Lodge are self-governing bodies, limited only by the organic law, principles and landmarks of the fraternity, electing their own officers, administering their own affairs, levying dues upon themselves according to the necessities of the case, contributing a *small* per capita tax to the grand body for its support. It is also the universal custom of real fraternal orders that the officers of the Grand and subordinate bodies serve without pay, except certain clerical officers who receive for their services only nominal compensation—not a competence and profit—which services are rendered in the spirit of brotherly love and for the good of the order.

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[4] Mr. Ralph M. Lewis testified in 1936 that the sale of his father's books had amounted to approximately $250,000—*Federal Case, Reporter's Transcript,* p. 90.

Now, it is the contention of Mr. Lewis, as we have seen, that since the State of California granted a corporate charter to himself and family, he is legally authorized to do what he is doing and conduct a family racket in the name of the Rosicrucians.

The corporate charter of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC, as amended, provides, among other objects, that one of the purposes of the corporation is: "To teach, foster and perpetuate the traditional principles and laws of the Ancient Rosicrucians."

The State of California grants corporate charters and its laws authorize the creation of corporations for *legal* purposes only. It does not legalize a fraud to incorporate it; nor can a fraudulent scheme be legally carried on under the charter of a membership corporation as a fraternity, to be operated *without profit,* when the entire membership of the corporation operate it as the sole means of their livelihood and luxurious sustenance at home and abroad.

There is another phase or feature of the incorporation of the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC by the Lewis family which strikes at the heart of the legality of the corporation. If a group of persons incorporate a Masonic Grand Lodge without Masonic authority, or a Rosicrucian Supreme Grand Lodge without Rosicrucian authority, or a Grand Lodge of any secret fraternity or order, without due authorization from such fraternity or order to the persons forming the corporation to exercise its authority and to promulgate its teachings; or, when there is a duly constituted Supreme Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge of such fraternity or order operating within the territory wherein the forming or incorporating Grand Lodge proposes to operate; then, under such a state of facts, the securing of a charter for such a corporation is illegal. It was secured by deception and is a fraud against the State, as well as against the people of the State of its domicile, and also against the people of several States of the United States wherein it operates. Such a corporation, having the apparent status of a legal entity, is all the more dangerous and vicious because it hides its viciousness beneath a cloak of apparent legality and the official sanction of the fundamental law it contravenes and the sovereignty that it violates and abuses.[5]

[5] There is another fraudulent aspect of the incorporation of the Supreme Grand

Huge Sums Appropriated

Under his self-fashioned charge "Number Eleven", quoted *supra,* he ridicules the idea that the AMORC is a *"profit-making racket with huge sums of money being appropriated by Imperator Lewis and his family."*

We have seen that since 1928 the AMORC has been under the sole control of "Imperator Lewis and his family"; that by the means and methods herein described they have built it into a Million Dollar concern, with property and cash accumulated since 1928 amounting almost to a Million Dollars, and with a gross income in some years exceeding a Million Dollars. Certainly they have appropriated huge sums!

But let us see how and in what manner they have appropriated these funds and for what purposes they have been used. They have appropriated almost a half a Million Dollars to build *"The Institution Behind the Advertisement"*—behind the orders for merchandise and behind the paying membership—which institution, all of its property and funds, now belongs entirely to the hierarchy or the Lewis family, and that may *ultimately inure to their sole benefit* and *become their individual property,* as we shall later show. They spend a tremendous sum in sending out six million pieces of propaganda literature each year, with a printing bill of from sixty to seventy-two thousand dollars, and with postage alone amounting to from fifty to sixty thousand dollars per annum.[6] They expended fifteen thousand dollars in the George L. Smith case, as we have seen in Chapter I, *supra,* to prevent the truth concerning their

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Lodge of AMORC by Lewis and his family in 1928 not considered in the text which should be interesting to official investigators and especially to the officials of the State of California. Said Supreme Grand Lodge, before its incorporation, was a voluntary association composed of an unlimited membership. See Article Three, Section 3, of Constitution of 1917, quoted *supra.* Which Constitution was in effect in 1928 when the incorporation took place. As is the law in practically every State in the Union, the Civil Code of California, Title XII, Section 594, provides that no voluntary or unincorporated association may be incorporated except with the *consent* of a *majority* of the *members* of such unincorporated association. Now, it appears from the testimony of the Lewises in the Federal Case that when they incorporated the Supreme Grand Lodge in 1928 as a family affair, they did so without the consent of the members of the unincorporated association. See *Reporter's Transcript.* This fact is also shown by the original incorporation papers filed with the Secretary of State of California.

[6] H. Spencer Lewis so testified in the *Federal Case.* See *Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 137 and 215, and testimony of Ralph M. Lewis, *Id.,* pp. 72, 96 and 97.

family racket being proven in court, under the subterfuge of settling another case.[7] They have spent many thousands of dollars in defending their supremacy of the control of the family racket and in defense of their fraternal racket against the complaints and suits of outraged and defrauded members.[8] In various ways and by the employment of many cunning artifices, they use the funds of this so-called non-profitmaking corporation to gratify their desires for self-complacency and ostentatious pomp, to promote themselves, and to create a halo of false greatness and assumed spirituality about themselves that they may better retain control of and perpetuate their fraternal racket. Under one pretext or another and under the flimsy disguise that they were attending to the affairs of the order, they have traveled all over this broad land at the expense of the corporation. For years they have been making numerous periodical trips to Europe to attend meetings of their fake International Council and R. C. World Congresses.[9] Under this sham and fraudulent artifice they have alternately taken their families abroad on luxurious pleasure trips and glorious vacations. When the senior goes, the family goes with him and the junior stays home and runs the hierarchial business of the family. Then junior goes and takes the family and the father attends to business at home.[1] They alone determine the necessity (?) or make the pretext for such trips, they spend and enjoy as they will, and they alone determine the reasonableness of their expenditures and approve their own bills.

They have appropriated to themselves as trustees, to spend as they see fit, two huge funds of $69,600 each, one to fabricate and maintain so-called "Rose Croix Universities" abroad and the other to the account of the "International Council", now aggregated at probably more than $140,000, for promotional and private purposes, and to maintain such fake contrivances in Europe as devices

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[7] See *Federal Case—Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 72 to 75.

[8] See *The Rosicrucian Digest,* March, 1937, p. 48, where a part of such expenditures are accounted for and acknowledged.

[9] In Chapters IV and V, *supra,* we have demonstrated that their International Council is a mere device of fraud; that they have attended no Rosicrucian Congresses.

[1] The proof of this statement is to be found in the announcements and reports of their trips as published in their official organs. For a concrete example, see Chapter IV, pp. 467 to 502, *supra.*

of fraud to promote and perpetuate a fraternal swindle in America.[2]

Appropriate for Their Use as They See Fit

They have fixed their own salaries and pay to themselves the following salaries per annum: to H. Spencer Lewis, the Imperator of the Hierarchy of the Order and the president of the Board of Directors, $9,000; to Ralph M. Lewis, the Supreme Secretary of "the Order" and secretary of the Board of Directors, $4,800, and to Clement Le Brun,[3] Sovereign Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of "the Brotherhood" and member of the Board of Directors, appointed by the Lewis hierarchy to do their bidding, $2,860.[4] They built their homes with the funds of this non-profit sharing corporation, and when H. Spencer Lewis had overdrawn his account to the extent of $6,000 they wiped the overdraft off and forgave the debt by the exercise of their hierarchial power and by virtue of the family's control of the corporation. Then, in order to get other funds of this fraternal, non-profit corporation into the family exchequer, they purchased from H. Spencer Lewis the copyrights on the books he had written for "the Order" at $10,000 and paid him $10,000 therefor, notwithstanding that he had been drawing a salary from "the order" when he wrote and copyrighted said books for the order to market to the members of the brotherhood.[5]

Then after having appropriated these huge sums they adopted the Constitution of 1934 giving unto themselves the sole discretion, without limitation, to expend and appropriate the funds as they see fit, the authority to build homes for themselves, to travel and pay their traveling expenses and to fix and pay their own salaries.[6]

Yes, they have appropriated huge sums—and there is no limita-

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[2] See Chapter IV, Part Four, pp. 417 to 422, *supra,* for a discussion of this matter and the testimony of the Lewises in connection therewith. Wherever we have referred to the Lewises or used the personal pronoun "they" meaning the Lewises, we have referred to Harve Spencer Lewis and his son, Ralph Maxwell Lewis.

[3] Now deceased. Succeeded by Mr. Thor Kiimalehto.

[4] See testimony of Ralph M. Lewis, *Federal Case, Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 49, 76 and 77.

[5] See testimony of Ralph M. Lewis, *Federal Case, Reporter's Transcript,* pp. 49, 51, 52 and 53.

[6] See Constitution of 1934, Article X, Sections 30A and 30B, quoted in part, *supra.*

tion upon their powers to appropriate such sums as they please for their own use, benefit and advantage, with the possibility that all of the property and funds of said corporation may inure to their personal benefit and absolute ownership.

On Dissolution of Supreme Grand Lodge Its Assets Become the Property of Its Members

Assuming for the presentation and consideration of this case that the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC is duly and legally incorporated and that the Lewis family and another member employed and discharged by them are the sole and only members thereof, we find that it is incorporated and functioning under TITLE XII *of the Civil Code* of California, of which Section 593 thereof provides:

> "FORMATION AND PURPOSES. A non-profit corporation may be formed by any number of persons, not less than three, for any *lawful* purposes such as religious, charitable, social, educational, recreational, cemetery or for rendering services which do not contemplate the distribution of gains, profits or dividends to the members thereof, and for which individuals *lawfully* may associate themselves, subject to laws and regulations applicable to particular classes of non-profit corporations or lines of activity. *The carrying on of business at a profit incidental to the main purposes* of the corporation and the *distribution of assets to members on dissolution* shall not be deemed forbidden to non-profit corporations. (Added by Stats. 1931, p. 1847.)" (Italics are ours.)

Section 595 of said Civil Code provides that the articles of incorporation shall contain, in substance, the following: The name of the corporation; the purposes for which it is formed and that it does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members; the county in the state where the principal office is to be located; the names and addresses of three or more persons who are to be the directors or trustees; the name of existing unincorporated association that is being incorporated, and that *all other matters may be regulated and provided for by the adoption of by-laws.*

Article X, Section 30A of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as instituted, chartered and controlled by the Supreme Grand Lodge of the AMORC, provides that:

"All moneys received by the Grand Lodge through its Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer or Sovereign Grand Master from the general membership of the Order or through its subordinate Lodges, or Chapters, or through any of its activities shall be transmitted to the Supreme Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Lodge as donations toward the Supreme Grand Lodge, maintenance, administrative, active and reserve funds for those purposes. None of the moneys of these funds deposited in the banks by the Supreme Grand Lodge and its Board of Directors *shall inure to the benefit of any member, officer, or supreme executive of the Order,* nor shall such funds be held in trust for any Lodge or group of Lodges or Chapters, or for the general membership or any individual member or Officer, but exclusively for the maintenance and perpetuation of the ideals of the organization in accordance with the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge."

THEY MAY DISSOLVE CORPORATION AT ANY TIME

Although the Constitution of the Grand Lodge provides as above set forth that the Supreme Grand Lodge (the Corporation) does not hold the funds in trust for any subordinate lodges, groups or the general membership or any individual member or officer, and although it is declared in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and in the by-laws of the corporation (the Supreme Grand Lodge) that the funds and the property of the AMORC—the incorporation—shall not inure to the benefit of any member, officer or supreme executive of the Order, which provision is necessary to exempt the corporation or the organization from the payment of Federal Income Tax, yet, it must be remembered, and never for one moment overlooked, that the Lewises hold in their hands the sole and absolute control of the AMORC, that they make and can remake, change or amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and that they can make and remake, alter or amend the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge or the by-laws of the corporation at any time and in any manner they may see fit.

Now, inasmuch as they owe allegiance to none save the mythical masters[7] from whom the Imperator of the hierarchy falsely claims he received sponsorship and Rosicrucian authority; with no obliga-

[7] See quotation (61), Chapter V, *supra.*

tions to any organization save alone the Imperator's "pledges and promises to the organization in Europe" and the non-existent "Council of the organization in France";[8] and whereas, the time may come when they will have accumulated sufficient funds to satisfy their desires and to provide for all their earthly needs and they may feel that they have sufficiently discharged their *sacred obligations*[9] "for the maintenance and perpetuation of the ideals of the organization in accordance with the Constitution of the Supreme Grand Lodge"—which is the Lewis hierarchy—and they may decide to dissolve the corporation and to distribute the property and funds to the members thereof who are the Lewis family.[1]

If that time comes, then there is nothing in the laws of the State of California to prevent them from amending the by-laws, repudiating their perpetual obligation, dissolving said corporation and distributing its net assets to themselves.[2]

Is It Without Profit Inuring to Anyone?

It requires no special legal ability to incorporate a fraternal association as a membership corporation to be operated without profit to any member or individual. Such corporations when organized and operated in *good faith* are not taxable.

However, it does require a promoter of unusual cunning and expertness, a schemer of rare acumen and a manipulator of singular capacity, with talents extraordinary to organize such a corporation with thousands of paying and contributing members, yet

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[8] See statement of Mr. Lewis quoted in Chapter IV, p. 419, *supra.*

[9] The time was, as we have seen, when they thought it contrary to their obligations and the landmarks of "the Order" to publish and sell books. Therefore, their "perpetual obligations," like their "landmarks," may change or cease to be to accommodate their necessities or to conform to their desires or caprices.

[1] There is another or fifth member of the corporation and of the board of directors who is appointed by the family. Therefore, they will have no difficulty in disposing of him and appointing another member of the family to succeed him or thereby leaving the four members of the Lewis family as surviving members of the corporation and the sole distributees of its assets.

[2] It was revealed by the testimony of H. Spencer Lewis in the *Federal Case* that all the property of the AMORC was not conveyed to the corporation. The title to a part of the same is vested in Mr. Lewis or members of his family.

to limit its membership to his own family, to completely control the corporation without rights to any other members except such as he sees fit to grant; to receive, control and disburse all funds; to appoint all officers from the highest to the lowest who hold their tenure of office during his pleasure or caprice; to define the rights and fix the status of members, reserving unto himself the right and sole power to *excommunicate* any member, without limitations and without any redress to the members, if they displease him or fail to praise and exalt him or to humbly bow to his dictates; to fix the salaries of himself and family without stint or limitations, drawing their sustenance and luxurious living from the corporate funds; to provide himself and family, his son and family with homes out of the corporate funds; to determine when it is desirable for them to take a pleasure trip, domestic or foreign, on the pretext of corporate business, allowing and paying their own expenses, whatever they may be, and without limitations out of the corporate funds; to use the corporate funds for the gratification of their personal whims, to satisfy their desire for gaudy show and to appease their impulses of braggadocio; to build and maintain elaborate buildings, luxurious offices, spacious auditoriums, dormitories and glamorous, showy and pretentious "National Headquarters" out of corporate funds that they may use the pictures thereof in their eternal propaganda campaign for new members, as the "Institution behind the advertisement"—as if a gaudy show of wealth could constitute a Rosicrucian Order; to publish magazines and pamphlets for propaganda purposes; to spend fabulous sums for high pressure, deceitful advertising in the promotion of a spurious and fraudulent Rosicrucian organization; to spend the corporate funds like drunken sailors to defend and perpetuate a fraudulent scheme; and then successfully evading the payment of all taxes by the simple expediency and clever subterfuge of declaring in the charter, by-laws and in the constitution of affiliated or subordinate bodies that it is organized and conducted as a non-profit sharing corporation. It is non-profit sharing to the extent that the Lewises

share neither their profits, control nor authority with others.

Therefore, under all the facts and circumstances of the case, can it be said that the AMORC is a non-profit sharing concern, when the Lewis family receive their luxurious livelihood and all they have from it and to whom the benefit of all its funds and property may inure?

A Family Racket

It is evident that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue did not have all the facts before him when he issued a certificate of exemption to the Supreme Grand Lodge AMORC exempting it from the payment of Federal Income Taxes, thereby giving it official recognition and sanction as a fraternal and educational organization. Certainly he did not know that it is a fraudulent scheme and a fraternal racket as we have fully demonstrated in this volume. Hence, it must be concluded that despite all created appearances to the contrary; despite all official actions and certifications of so-called voluntary committees and unanimous conventions, and despite all skillfully designed camouflage, AMORC is a privately operated commercial enterprise, the *Family Racket* of H. Spencer Lewis, operated under a closed membership corporation, purporting to be a fraternal and educational organization to avoid the payment of taxes—yet absolutely controlled and operated by H. Spencer Lewis and his family for their support, livelihood and luxurious living—travel, comfort and amusement, at the cost and expense of the general membership whom they continually exploit.

CHAPTER SEVEN

PUBLIC DEBATES AND ABUSE OF THE COURTS

BALLYHOOING PROPAGANDA—PUBLIC DEBATE

A Fire Escape From the Burning Truth

The public forum and the lecture platform are beneficial instrumentalities of an advancing civilization and a splendid medium for the diffusion of useful information. They have often—all too often—been used for wicked and perverted purposes and as the means for the promotion and perpetration of deception and fraud.

It is a notorious fact that practically all mystic fakirs, pseudo-occult pretenders, impostors and fraternal racketeers are suave individuals with oily tongues and are fascinating and convincing speakers. They invade the public forums and from the lecture platforms employ their cunning artifices and unscrupulous devices to ensnare and exploit their victims. With most of them the lecture platform is their first line of attack, and with some of them—the shrewdest and most cunning—the forum and public debate are their last line of defense.[1]

Such is the case with the arch-impostor and fraternal racketeer of San Jose. In a forlorn attempt to reply to our charges and exposé of his family racket and fraternal swindle he issued his BLACK BOOK OF DECEPTION—parading under the catch-phrase title of *White Book D*—with which he appealed to his deluded members and the public to *"Hear the Other Side."*

Since he presented his "side" in *White Book D*, let us see why he deemed it necessary or even advisable to again resort to the stratagem or subterfuge of a public debate.

Another Challenge to Debate

Now, *"the other side,"* as presented in *White Book D*, is a

[1]As to the similarity of the method followed by Thomson and Lewis in the promotion and perpetuation of their Masonic and Rosicrucian frauds, see pp. 270-271, *supra*.

brazen and bold attempt to hide the truth and to misrepresent the facts by resorting to every known artifice, crafty maneuver, artful evasion, subtle strategy, cunning machination and magical makeshift. Being without evidence to sustain his false reply to said charges and to support his unsupportable position in the face of exposed guilt, he MANUFACTURED and FABRICATED evidence; with fair-faced plausibility he misrepresented facts and presented various documents and papers in a false light; and, to prove that which has no substantial basis in fact, he published *fac-similes* of DELETED and MUTILATED papers and documents. Therefore, *that is the other side,* as we have conclusively shown in this work, especially in this volume.

With the consciousness of his trickery and guilt hanging over him like an enshrouded pall and funeral dirge, and being fearful lest his cunning should fail and his MANUFACTURED evidence, FALSIFIED "papers" and MUTILATED documents should prove insufficient, he closed his appeal to "Hear the Other Side" with his third challenge to us for a public debate.[2] It was his last line of defense——a *big bluff*. He knew full well that we would not debate these issues with him. He had been fully informed as to our reasons therefor.[3] However, his challenge was to be accepted as made and if perchance we did accept the same, it was so framed and designed as to give him complete control of the debate and so as to enable him to set the stage with show-window dressing; to fill the hall with his misguided partisans; to practice his trickery before the uninformed; to use his ballyhooing propaganda to further promote and perpetuate his hierarchal fraud and fraternal swindle; to put on a "great show" as another of his "publicity stunts" and, in short, to use the *affair* as a fire escape from the burning truth.

We promptly replied by mail and at length to Mr. Lewis' third "challenge" and renewed our former invitation to join us in a proper, complete and conclusive investigation, but he published his challenge, anticipating our reply and without waiting for it. It had been our purpose to make full reply herein to this, his last challenge, and to that end copy was prepared. However, the allotted space has been used for more important matters. Besides, there is

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[2] See *White Book D,* pp. 39-40 and 41.

[3] See our Pamphlet, *"A Challenge and the Answer"* or Book Three, Volume I, pp. 133 to 175, both inclusive.

nothing new in his last challenge, and the same has been fully answered in our pamphlet, *"A Challenge and the Answer,"* issued in 1935 in answer to his second challenge to a public debate to which the reader and investigator is respectfully referred.[4]

Bold Effrontery—Typical Arrogance

There is one phase of his latest challenge that should not be overlooked. It is the device of boldness—the artifice of arrogance so often employed by racketeers in the promotion and the protection of their nefarious business. When all other trickery and chicanery fail, they would bluff their way through with bold effrontery to those who expose and would stay the mills of the gods with an astounding and dumfounding arrogance.

Accordingly, Mr. Lewis in closing his book of deception resorts to the use of bold effrontery and arrogance personified in a brazen attempt to raise an inconsequential side issue to overshadow and to detract attention from the serious and essential issues by asking:

> "IS MR. CLYMER AFRAID TO DEBATE?
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> "Will Mr. Clymer accept or will he again dodge the responsibility of his statements and ask for private, limited committee investigations?[5] Is it really true that Mr. Clymer is so very afraid of the open public platform, and especially the experience of meeting Dr. Lewis in public debate? What a marvelous opportunity for Mr. Clymer to expose AMORC and Dr. Lewis if he really has anything that would stand the light of an open public platform investigation![6] Is it possible that Mr. Clymer cannot speak for himself in the presence of those he accuses? Is it also possible that Mr. Clymer remains at his 'farm headquarters' because he fears public scrutiny of his ability to meet an opponent face to face where replies to his charges would immediately be made in his presence?[7] Will he

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[4] Republished as Book Three, Volume I, pp. 133 to 175, both inclusive.

[5] This is a pure subterfuge. We asked for no such an investigation. It is an artful dodge of a real and conclusive investigation. See Volume I, pp. 133, *et seq.*

[6] We prefer the method which we have pursued in this work. We deem it better and far more effective than the subterfuge and ballyhoo of a public debate.

[7] Since Mr. Lewis would have nothing to do with a genuine investigation before a competent tribunal which would have been finally decisive of all matters and all questions involved, we have suggested another tribunal of competent jurisdiction in which we will, if he so elects, meet him "face to face". See *Personal Foreword,* pp. 24, 25 and 26, *supra.*

accept or evade? Past experience seems to bear out the belief that Mr. Clymer is afraid to debate with Dr. Lewis in public." (*White Book D,* p. 41.)

Not Fear—But Discretion

When one has the audacity to exhibit phony charters, self-made and forged documents, honorary membership certificates in foreign Masonic Sovereign Sanctuaries and all manner of falsified papers from the lecture platform and falsely represents them to be authentic warrants of Rosicrucian authority and power;[8] and when one has the temerity to exhibit a spurious certificate of a fabricated University conferring an unheard-of academic degree in open court and testifies falsely under oath that it is an honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy;[9] when one has no scruples against making any false statement or the employment of any questionable means to accomplish his purpose; when one has the presumptuous rashness to publish *deleted* and *mutilated* documents to support his claims;[1] when one has the foolhardiness to resort to every known artifice, trick and contrivance and to stoop to any despicable practice or method to sustain his contradictory and groundless claims[2] of authority upon which he has built his spurious R. C. Order and hierarchal fraternal racket; when anyone has done the contemptible things and has resorted to the unscrupulous practices which we have shown that Mr. Lewis has done and resorted to for the accomplishment of his nefarious scheme, and when one has secured from a Court of Justice false findings of fact in the manner shown,[3] also to be further considered in a moment, and has used those false findings of fact and the good name of the Court to promote and sustain the aforesaid fraudulent scheme and swindle, then it is reasonable to suppose that he would go to further extremes in an unrestricted public debate of his own designing and under his control. Therefore, aside from the fact that such an affair would accomplish no good or worthwhile result, no discreet or self-respect-

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[8] See Chapter IV, Part One, pp. 228 to 235 and 381 to 385, *supra.*

[9] See Chapter IV, Part Four, pp. 406 to 415, *supra.*

[1] See Chapter IV, Part Two, pp. 289 to 323, *supra;* and Part Four, pp. 535-536 and 592-593; also p. 601, *supra.*

[2] See Chapter V, *supra.*

[3] See Chapter I, pp. 61 to 71, both inclusive, *supra.*

ing person would consent to meet Mr. Lewis in public debate.

False Judicial Findings of Fact
Wrongfully Obtained and Willfully Misused

In the case of AMORC *vs.* SMITH, reviewed in Chapter I and referred to throughout this volume, he wrongfully secured from a Judge of the Superior Court of California many *false* Findings of Fact, which he has used as propaganda for fraudulent purposes to further promote and sustain his fraternal swindle and family racket. Several of these false findings judicially determined and recorded have been considered herein. However, for our present purposes, we shall briefly summarize them, as follows:

1. That the Supreme Grand Lodge of AMORC (that is, H. Spencer Lewis and family—the hierarchy of the Order) is the *sole* and *only* established, recognized and functioning supreme authority of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in North America.

2. That the Sovereign Sanctuaries of the Ancient Masonic Rites of Memphis and Mizraim are the Grand Conservators of the integrity of the recognized and accredited Rosicrucian Brotherhood throughout the world of which AMORC of North America is a part.

3. The AMORC (the Lewis Hierarchy) is an accredited member of the World Supreme Council of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood[4] and participates in its convocations and deliberations.[5]

4. That the AMORC (the Order—which is the Lewis family) owns *printing plants.*[6]

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[4] Here he had the State court find that the Lewis family were members of "the brotherhood". In the Federal Case he testified that the Lewis family were members of "the Order" and the paying members were "the brotherhood". Which is which—does not confusion reign supreme—or is fraud in the saddle riding roughshod over the courts?

[5] See Chapter IV, Part One, pp. 236 to 239, *supra,* for Lewis' admission that said findings were not supported by the evidence. We have conclusively shown herein that they are false.

[6] Although they have led their followers to believe that the *Rosicrucian Press,* which does all their printing, belonged to "the Order", however, in the *Federal Case* they testified that the AMORC does not own the *Rosicrucian Press.* Therefore, this finding is false. See *Reporter's Transcript* of the testimony of Lewis and his son Ralph in *Federal Case.*

5. That the AMORC is duly authorized, and possesses warrants and charters evidencing such authority issued by duly constituted authority of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood in other lands and jurisdictions.[7]

6. That the AMORC is not a fraudulent scheme of one H. Spencer Lewis.[8]

7. That several and various honorary *academic* degrees have been conferred upon H. Spencer Lewis by institutions having the power and authority to confer such degrees.[9]

8. That it is not true that the teachings of the AMORC are culled from books; that its lessons imparted to its members are the sole and exclusive possession of the Rosicrucian Brotherhood and that they are Rosicrucian teachings as authorized by the World Supreme Council of the Brotherhood.[1]

9. That it is not true that H. Spencer Lewis had or has any sinister plans to obtain the secrets of the Masonic Fraternity or that he had been refused membership in the Masonic Fraternity.[2]

10. That some time in the past the AMORC was a duly organized and functioning corporation under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.[3]

11. That H. Spencer Lewis has not been arrested at any time, any place, and for any cause whatsoever.[4]

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[7] This is notoriously *false*. No charters were produced before the Court and there was not sufficient evidence before the Court to justify such a finding, *if it were true*. But we have shown herein that he has no Rosicrucian authority and that his so-called Rosicrucian Charters are spurious—mere *Fraudulent Devices*.

[8] From the evidence and proof set forth in this work, it is apparent and most obvious that it is a *fraudulent scheme*. The proof offered in this Volume alone is conclusive that it is a *swindle*.

[9] It was a dirty trick to play on the Judge to have him find that a respectable and a *real* institution of learning duly authorized had conferred an *academic* degree—not one but several *academic* degrees on him, whereas, it is *not true* but is ABSOLUTELY FALSE. See Chapter IV, Part Four, pp. 406 to 422 and 522, *supra*.

[1] This finding is not true. See Volume I, pp. 279 to 333 and Chapter II, pp. 89 to 104, *supra*.

[2] See Chapter IV, Part One, and especially pp. 264-256, *supra*.

[3] The AMORC was never incorporated in New York. H. Spencer Lewis testified in the *Federal Case* that it was not incorporated until 1928, and then in California. *Reporter's Transcript*, pp. 133 to 135.

[4] The foregoing finding will be found in *Transcript on Appeal* of the case of AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith, pp. 354 to 363, both inclusive. This last finding in regard to the arrest of Mr. Lewis was quoted in full and considered in Chapter V, *supra*.

A Fraud Upon the Court

Now, from the evidence set forth in these two volumes, it appears conclusively and most obviously, indeed, that the foregoing statements, numbered 1 to 11, both inclusive, are false—*absolutely false*. We have said in Chapter I hereof that to have the Court find such statements to be true when, in fact, they are false and then to use them as propaganda[5] for the promotion of a fraudulent scheme and the perpetuation of a wicked fraternal swindle was and is a fraud upon the Superior Court of the State of California.

However, the Supreme Court of California affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court and held that no fraud was worked on the Court in the trial of the Case. Being a layman and in view of all of said false findings of fact used for propaganda to promote and justify a swindle, we could not understand how or why the Supreme Court of California should approve the action of the trial Court and hold as it did. So we asked our legal counsel to tell us how and why such a thing could be possible.

They explained that from a purely technical legal standpoint the decision may have been legally correct—although unjust in fact—because it is a universal rule of law that an appellate court will affirm the judgment or action of a trial court if there is *any* evidence in the record supporting or tending to support the judgment of the trial Court and the findings of fact upon which it is based.

Only One Issue Involved

They explained that there was only one material issue in the case, namely: Did Smith unlawfully conspire with others to publish false reports and libelous matter which was injurious to the AMORC and H. Spencer Lewis, its Imperator?

The record showed, and Smith did not deny, that he had published the "Rotter" letter;[6] that he had charged that the AMORC was a fraudulent concern, and that H. Spencer Lewis was running it as a family racket. There is no doubt that what Smith said and

[5] This Mr. Lewis did when he issued his pamphlet entitled: "GUILTY", which he circulated by the thousands, wherein he used said Findings of Fact by the Court for propaganda purposes and to justify his fraternal swindle. However, he distorted, misquoted and misrepresented those findings to further his unholy purposes.

[6] See Chapter I, p. 42.

published about Lewis and his fraternal enterprise was actionable libel and that it was injurious to Lewis and his fraternal racket. Therefore, the introduction in evidence of the "Rotter Letter" alone, unexplained and without the TRUTH thereof being shown constituted *prima facie* evidence of libel.

It is true, without question, that Smith corresponded with many persons, including the writer of this exposé,[7] for the purpose of securing evidence to prove his charges against Lewis and his fraternal concern.[8] The major portion of this correspondence was introduced in evidence or referred to in the list of correspondence made by the Sheriff and Lewis' attorney when they raided Smith's home and seized his correspondence.[9] Now, said correspondence with other parties unexplained and the truth of the *prima facie* libelous statements contained therein not proven to be *true,* would be sufficient evidence to show, or tending to show, that Smith had entered into an unlawful conspiracy to libel and injure Lewis and his family enterprise.

Not Allowed to Prove the Truth

It must be remembered, nor for one instant overlooked, that at the trial of the case Smith was not permitted or allowed, under the pleadings as they had been "fixed up" and under the limitations of which the case was tried, to *prove* the *truth* of his charges or the legal justification of his acts. To do this it was necessary that he plead specially—that is, to plead that his charges were *true* and that his acts were justified by reason of the *truth* of the charges.

It will be recalled that he filed an answer in the nature of a special plea or as an affirmative defense, pleading the TRUTH OF his charges in full legal justification thereof and of all his acts in connection therewith.[1] Under Lewis' PAY-OFF SCHEME said affirmative answer was eliminated by the hocus-pocus process of filing amended pleadings, as hereinbefore shown.[2]

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[7] However, Smith did not begin his correspondence with us until after Lewis had him arrested on the charge of criminal libel in the summer of 1932. See Chapter I generally and especially pp. 42-43, *supra.*

[8] See Chapter I, and especially pp. 46-47, *supra.*

[9] See Chapter I, pp. 43 and 46, *supra.*

[1] See Chapter I, p. 48.

[2] See Chapter I, pp. 47 to 60, both inclusive, and especially pp. 53 and 54.

The pleadings in the case, the amendment of the pleadings eliminating Smith's special answer pleading the *truth of his charges* against AMORC and Mr. Lewis, and the record of the trial of the case that the Supreme Court of California reviewed and passed upon appeared to be regular, fair upon its face and without reversible error, notwithstanding that a sinister scheme lay hidden beneath it. Upon this record of the trial of the case the higher court held upon the *only material issue involved,* that there was sufficient evidence in the record to support or tending to support the trial court's finding that Smith had libeled Lewis and his fraternal business, and that in doing so he had conspired with others, and, therefore, affirmed the judgment of the lower court. In so deciding the case the Supreme Court commented upon the fact that Lewis for the AMORC had admitted that a number of the immaterial findings of fact made by the trial court lacked support in the record[3] and held, for the disposition of the case, that all other uncertain Findings of Fact—even though untrue—were wholly immaterial to the one issue involved and should be, and therefore were, disregarded.[4]

Supplemental Proceedings Show Fraud on Court

It will also be recalled that the time for an Appeal had expired, that it was necessary for Smith to make a special application to the trial court for permission to appeal, which after due hearing the trial court allowed.[5] It was in the application and supporting affidavits of that supplemental proceeding that the Lewises *Pay-Off Scheme* and the fraud on the trial court was revealed. Lewis made a motion in the Supreme Court to dismiss the appeal. Upon that motion the Supreme Court, no doubt, reviewed the record of the supplemental proceedings, which was a part of the record on appeal, to determine whether the trial court had abused its discretion in allowing the appeal. The power to grant appeals under such circumstances being vested by the statute in the sound discretion of the trial Court, the only question for review was whether that

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[3] See Chapter I, pp. 235 to 239, *supra.*

[4] See opinion of the Supreme Court of California reported in Volume 61, *Pacific Reporter,* second series, page 449.

[5] See Chapter I, pp. 69-70, *supra.*

discretion had been abused. The Supreme Court held that there was no abuse of discretion and denied the motion to dismiss the appeal.

Our attorneys tell us that in the final disposition of the case on appeal the Supreme Court considered only the record of the actual trial of the case—which appears to be regular and fair on its face—and that it is not at all probable that the Court considered the record in the supplemental proceeding wherein the Lewis *Pay-Off Scheme,* the overreaching of the trial Judge, and the fraud on the trial Court is shown.[6] This, in view of all the facts and circumstances of the case, seems to be the only fair and reasonable explanation for the finding by the Supreme Court of California that no fraud was worked on the court in the trial of this case.

Court Was Not Advised of All the Facts

As a general rule, fraud and sinister schemes do not appear upon the face of the record. They are hidden by cunning means beneath fair appearing and plausible subterfuges, as, for instance, the pretense of settling of another suit in a well-designed and disguised *Pay-Off Scheme* to suppress the truth and to throttle justice in the instant case. Certainly the Supreme Court of California, when it affirmed the case and held that a large number of the Findings of Fact of the trial Court were immaterial to the main or sole issue in the case, and that in following the well-established rule of law, the same should be disregarded as immaterial findings, did not know that those *immaterial* Findings of Fact were *false;* that they had been procured by design and cunning to be used as propaganda to promote, to sanction and to sustain a fraudulent scheme and fraternal swindle operated as the private racket of H. Spencer Lewis and his family and that those *immaterial*—but FALSE—findings were so used by Lewis in his pamphlet "GUILTY", which he sent broadcast over this entire land. Moreover, the *real nature* of his fraudulent scheme—the revelation of which was prevented and forestalled by his *$15,000 pay-off*—and the manner in which he used said *false immaterial* findings to show *judicial approval* and *sanction* of his swindle were not shown in the record and were not before the Supreme Court of California. If the Supreme Court

[6] For a full discussion of this scheme refer back to Chapter I.

had known the whole truth concerning these matters which is so obvious from the facts shown herein, it is certain—*most apparently certain*—that the distinguished Judges of that Court would not have affirmed the judgment in the case of AMORC vs. Geo. L. Smith and they would never—*no, never*—have held that no fraud was worked on the trial court. Indeed—in truth and in fact—a most grievous and lamentable fraud was worked on the Courts of California, and, without their being aware of the fact, the most cunning and unscrupulous of fraternal racketeers has been and now is using their findings of fact and decision of law as a justification of a nefarious swindle and for the further promotion thereof. Moreover, in fact, there has been an abortive miscarriage of justice, notwithstanding that those decisions may have been made according to law. Perhaps the time is not yet, but in due time the wrong *will be* righted and justice *will be* done.

Misleads and Abuses Courts to Promote a Fraud, Yet No Court Has Passed on That Fraud

With cunning designing and the use of many contrivances, by hook or by crook, with false evidence and with the true nature of his fraternal racket only partially presented to the Courts in a false light, he has succeeded in securing *seemingly* favorable judicial action and decisions which, upon their face, appear to give judicial sanction and succor to his unique fraternal swindle. With these *seemingly* favorable court decisions and their plausible *prima facie* appearance, he justifies his fraud, defies the law, retards official investigation, delays proper action and due prosecution and continues to promote his swindle, using the Courts' decisions as evidence of its genuineness, thus enlarging his operation and increasing his propaganda he claims many additional victims for fraudulent exploitation.

The two *seemingly* favorable Court decisions hereinbefore referred to in the Federal and State Courts in California are just two more arguments, two more aids and two more devices which he has been and is now using and which he will continue to use to promote his family racket and fraudulent fraternal business.

We say *"seemingly"* favorable Court decisions advisedly, because it must be kept in mind and not overlooked that at *no time,* in *no*

case and in NO COURT has the evidence of the true and exact nature, far-reaching extent and nefarious results of his fraudulent scheme and swindle been properly presented or duly considered. Therefore, *no court* has ever passed upon the *real* issue of fraud or the *true nature* of this far-reaching and unique swindle. However, it does appear that he will continue to use his various artifices, unique devices and the preliminary, partial, indecisive and non-conclusive decisions of the Courts to promote this swindle and to claim his victims until the strong arm of the government brings him into court and a true and proper presentation of the case is made. Then, and not until then, may the courts take the proper action to prevent him from using their acts and decrees as artifices and devices of fraud.

Those Court Decisions

They secured the Court decisions, but what good will become of them at last, we cannot tell; but if investigators will take the pains to check the truth of the statements in the testimony of H. Spencer Lewis and his son Ralph in those cases and compare the same with other statements made, published and sworn to by them, a considerable amount of evidence will be found in the official reports of those cases, when taken with other evidence, to prove a strong and iron-clad case of fraud and fraternal swindling. The careful comparison of the testimony of Mr. Lewis with his testimony in the various cases and with his published statements and the testimony of his son with the various statements he has made, as we did in Chapter V herein, will prove revealing, indeed, and tell something more of this remarkable story of fraternal racketeering and fraudulent exploitation.

The Irresistible Conclusion

We shall conclude this volume by repeating that which we said in its introduction. No thoughtful person can contemplate the use and publication of falsified evidence, DELETED papers and MUTILATED documents or false testimony in court. No careful person can examine the so-called "important Rosicrucian documents," the self-made and spurious "charters" falsely represented to be warrants of Rosicrucian authority. No discriminating person can con-

sider the false, fabulous and conflicting tales concerning international, world and universal councils, congresses and conventions. No casual or careless person can read the many different false and contradictory claims of Rosicrucian authority. No one can witness the way in which the complete control and use of the concern has been reserved to the family. No one can review the gross misrepresentations, the endless chicanery, the unscrupulous trickery and the numerous devices and artifices of fraud used to promote the scheme. In short, no one can read this work of two volumes without having the abiding feeling and firm conviction—indeed, without reaching the *irresistible conclusion*—that the *Ancient Mystical Order Rosae Crucis*—the AMORC—is a spurious Rosicrucian Order; that it is a fraudulent scheme and that it is a nefarious fraternal swindle, operated as a family racket.

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